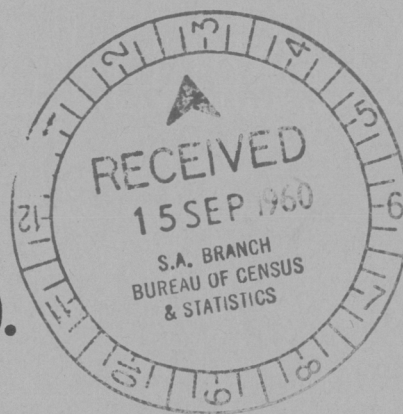


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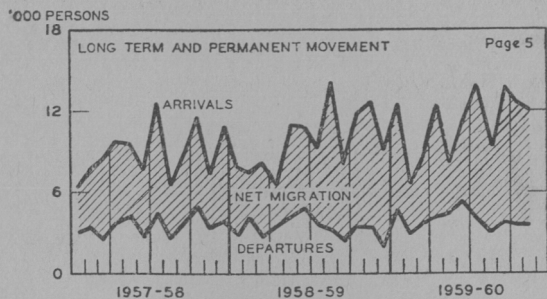
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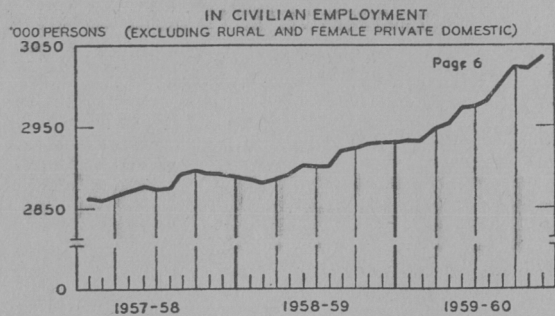
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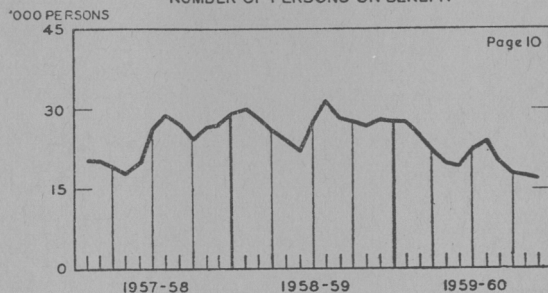
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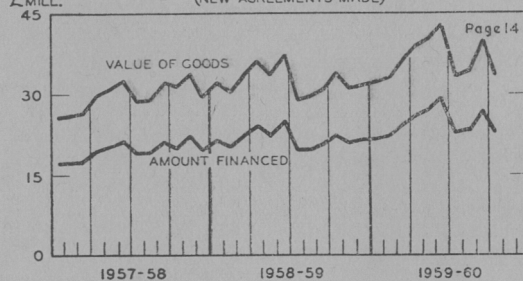
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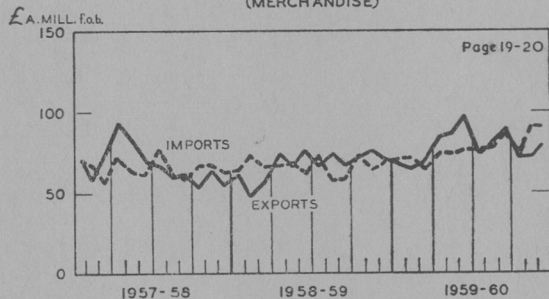
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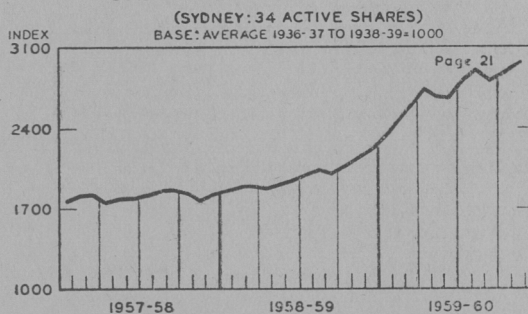
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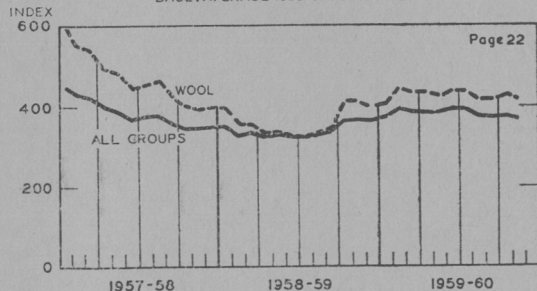


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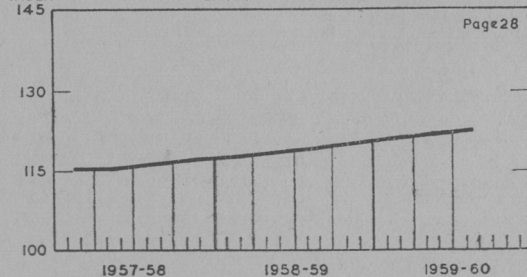
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

Period.	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (Excluding Rural and female private domestics). —End of Month. (a)			Average Weekly Wage Earnings (b) Index (Base : 1953-54 = 100).	Internal Trade.		Overseas Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment).		Building Permits(e) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	New Houses and Flats Commenced.(f)
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Wholesale.(c)	Retail.(d)	Imports.	Exports.		
Monthly Average—	'000.	'000.	'000.		£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£'000.	No.
1936-37	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	37.2	n.a.	8.6	12.3	1,986	n.a.
1937-38	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	40.5	n.a.	10.6	11.7	2,307	n.a.
1938-39	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	39.8	n.a.	9.4	10.1	2,353	n.a.
1952-53	1,910	679	2,589	95.2	158.1	424.7	42.5	70.7	10,040	(g)16,152
1953-54	1,954	707	2,661	100.0	179.5	459.5	56.5	67.7	12,356	(g)19,219
1954-55	2,018	740	2,758	105.4	205.5	502.2	70.1	63.2	17,892	19,309
1955-56	2,067	769	2,836	112.2	221.3	537.9	68.2	64.2	18,881	18,155
1956-57	2,082	779	2,861	118.2	233.2	562.5	59.7	81.1	17,401	17,364
1957-58	2,089	791	2,880	121.3	246.3	586.0	65.8	67.5	19,160	18,337
1958-59	2,113	804	2,917	124.4	253.5	611.3	66.2	67.2	21,656	20,421
Monthly Total—										
1957-58—										
April	2,098	796	2,894	122.3	239.2	578.9	67.1	52.9	22,059	19,493
May	2,098	795	2,893		260.3		66.6	64.3	20,878	
June	2,098	792	2,890		244.7		63.2	54.4	21,404	
1958-59—										
July	2,099	795	2,894	123.5	252.1	584.9	63.8	61.4	26,250	21,597
August	2,098	795	2,893		246.9		72.8	47.2	22,283	
September ..	2,099	796	2,895		265.3		65.5	55.7	22,910	
October	2,103	798	2,901	124.5	273.7	673.5	65.5	74.0	22,187	18,782
November ..	2,111	804	2,915		274.7		67.5	66.2	19,959	
December ..	2,107	804	2,911		275.0		61.9	75.7	16,506	
January	2,110	800	2,910	124.2	205.2	576.9	74.4	66.9	16,015	20,350
February ..	2,121	810	2,931		239.1		58.5	73.5	20,195	
March	2,124	813	2,937		241.4		58.9	66.4	21,351	
April	2,127	813	2,940	125.5	264.8	609.7	73.1	72.2	23,495	20,958
May	2,128	813	2,941		242.8		63.1	76.7	24,551	
June	2,128	813	2,941		261.3		69.3	70.7	24,165	
1959-60—										
July	2,128	815	2,943	129.6	266.4	620.7	p 70.5	p 66.5	24,324	21,918
August	2,129	815	2,944		273.8		70.8	64.0	25,150	
September ..	2,135	821	2,956		272.2		r63.8	r68.7	26,152	
October	2,139	825	2,964	130.5	287.0	719.1	r73.8	r83.7	29,320	21,900
November ..	2,146	835	2,981		297.6		74.1	r86.8	24,631	
December ..	2,148	837	2,985		308.4		76.0	r96.1	21,315	
January	2,155	834	2,989	135.3	r221.9	623.9	r75.3	r73.0	21,855	22,569
February ..	2,167	846	3,013		r272.9		78.3	r79.1	23,836	
March	2,174	852	3,026		309.1		r88.0	r87.9	33,735	
April	2,173	851	3,024				72.7	r70.0	24,057	
May	2,178	856	3,034				90.8	71.7	37,424	

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. See note (b), page 8. (b) All Industries : seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment, plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Net sales recorded under Sales Tax Acts. (d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly total sales. Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e) All building operations for which permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes government buildings (see note (a), page 33). (f) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory. (g) Partly estimated.

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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.	Production of Ingot Steel.	New Motor Vehicles Registered (a) (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).		Government Railways : Gross Revenue.	P.M.G.'s Department Cash Receipts.	Private Trading Banks. (b)		Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Averages).
				Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, etc.			Deposits.	Advances.	
Monthly Average—	'000 tons.	Million kWh	'000 tons.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.
1936-37 ..	977	331	90.0	4.0	2.0	3,517	1,318	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937-38 ..	990	363	97.2	4.6	2.3	3,705	1,396	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938-39 ..	1,051	391	97.5	4.5	2.1	3,662	1,447	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1952-53 ..	1,545	1,004	150.1	7.8	4.3	12,903	5,367	1,162.4	638.1	389.8
1953-54 ..	1,619	1,142	176.4	10.5	4.8	14,155	5,650	1,275.5	658.5	447.0
1954-55 ..	1,613	1,264	184.1	13.9	5.6	14,498	6,069	1,310.7	776.8	492.1
1955-56 ..	1,586	1,399	193.4	13.6	5.8	14,765	6,612	1,295.4	804.4	522.0
1956-57 ..	1,643	1,531	231.2	12.5	4.9	15,737	7,519	1,328.0	762.6	563.3
1957-58 ..	1,697	1,649	r253.1	13.8	5.6	14,928	8,065	1,391.3	774.3	592.7
1958-59 ..	1,705	1,761	r267.0	14.2	6.2	15,430	8,622	1,376.3	807.0	637.4
Monthly Total—										
1957-58—			p			(c)				
April ..	1,620	1,588	248.7	15.4	6.2	14,163	7,906	1,414.4	792.2	610.1
May ..	1,769	1,766	271.5	15.2	6.0	15,227	8,482	1,354.2	819.5	608.9
June ..	1,708	1,813	r257.4	12.8	5.4	14,856	9,046	1,343.0	831.7	603.7
1958-59—			p							
July ..	2,017	i,968	r271.2	13.9	6.1	15,271	8,449	1,331.2	844.9	623.5
August ..	r1,836	1,852	r268.0	13.6	5.5	15,233	7,661	1,321.5	838.8	559.0
September ..	1,803	1,775	r264.4	14.7	5.9	15,914	8,512	1,324.0	829.8	598.5
October ..	r1,993	1,774	r266.1	16.1	6.5	16,422	9,299	1,352.7	830.9	640.6
November ..	1,764	1,660	r263.5	14.8	6.2	15,087	7,784	1,372.2	824.6	645.2
December ..	1,367	1,638	r270.7	15.9	6.6	15,436	9,714	1,393.4	808.2	707.7
January ..	1,134	1,591	r268.3	12.4	5.1	14,609	7,872	1,402.0	794.8	525.2
February ..	1,660	1,574	r244.7	13.5	5.9	14,699	7,823	1,419.9	775.3	672.9
March ..	1,673	1,688	r275.0	13.2	6.1	15,411	8,450	1,431.6	764.3	664.5
April ..	1,721	1,731	r266.2	15.1	7.0	16,354	9,700	1,416.3	782.2	639.8
May ..	1,690	1,893	r288.2	13.1	6.8	15,520	8,432	1,379.1	790.1	679.1
June ..	1,801	1,987	291.7	13.7	6.8	15,204	9,768	1,379.0	791.1	677.6
1959-60—										
July ..	1,909	2,121	290.7	15.7	7.5	16,317	9,517	1,375.9	805.4	705.5
August ..	1,812	2,032	285.0	15.6	6.9	16,259	8,100	1,375.4	803.1	647.6
September ..	1,913	1,930	277.0	17.3	7.3	16,989	9,110	1,404.2	800.6	713.1
October ..	1,864	1,941	306.5	19.1	7.6	16,633	9,796	1,431.7	814.6	736.5
November ..	r1,835	1,840	297.0	18.7	7.5	16,083	9,366	1,457.2	817.2	746.8
December ..	1,265	1,781	295.3	20.8	7.8	15,619	11,571	1,484.2	806.3	815.5
January ..	1,281	1,735	283.9	13.4	4.8	14,578	9,309	1,484.7	798.4	658.7
February ..	r1,709	1,766	273.9	17.1	6.5	15,279	9,894	1,505.0	795.4	739.3
March ..	r1,959	1,937	296.0	19.8	7.7	17,456	11,711	1,517.5	800.4	783.8
April ..	1,638	1,872	293.0	17.0	6.1		9,620	1,492.7	837.8	754.3
May ..	1,939	2,167	313.2	19.0	7.6		11,020	1,463.0	863.0	819.8

(a) Excludes the Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.
 (b) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

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POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Oversea Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
Quarterly Average—							
1949-50	18,558	47,048	19,001	28,047	40,387	(d) 67,657	8,178,696
1950-51	19,211	48,114	19,896	28,218	33,244	(d) 60,770	8,421,775
1951-52	18,896	49,228	20,661	28,567	25,720	(d) 53,671	8,636,458
1952-53	17,870	50,739	20,023	30,716	14,516	(d) 44,726	8,815,362
1953-54	17,827	50,400	20,390	30,010	13,263	(d) 42,792	e 8,986,530
1954-55	17,848	51,213	20,541	30,672	22,868	53,540	9,200,691
1955-56	18,169	52,719	20,712	32,007	24,710	56,717	9,427,558
1956-57	18,111	53,753	21,467	32,286	21,594	53,880	9,643,079
1957-58	18,511	55,265	21,150	34,115	16,650	50,765	9,846,140
1958-59	18,458	56,495	22,013	34,482	19,289	53,771	10,061,222
Quarterly Total—							
1956-57—							
March Qtr. ..	18,825	55,546	18,641	36,905	21,198	58,103	9,591,437
June " ..	18,971	53,450	20,353	33,097	18,545	51,642	9,643,079
1957-58—							
September " ..	16,050	56,008	25,695	30,313	16,547	46,860	9,689,939
December " ..	19,850	55,354	20,264	35,090	22,442	57,532	9,747,471
March " ..	18,459	55,777	18,223	37,554	16,210	53,764	9,801,235
June " ..	19,686	53,921	20,418	33,503	11,402	44,905	9,846,140
1958-59—							
September " ..	15,569	57,575	24,829	32,746	17,640	50,386	9,896,526
December " ..	20,287	55,231	20,253	34,978	20,114	55,092	9,951,618
March " ..	18,726	54,289	19,104	35,185	21,862	57,047	10,008,665
June " ..	19,249	58,883	23,867	35,016	17,541	52,557	10,061,222
1959-60—							
September " ..	15,927	58,071	25,513	32,558	17,504	50,062	10,111,284
December " ..	20,461	55,733	20,728	35,005	19,884	54,889	10,166,173
March " ..	19,173	55,810	20,192	35,618	25,598	61,216	10,227,389

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net overseas migration. (d) Includes adjustments of population between July, 1933 and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results. (e) Census 30th June.

POPULATION: STATES.

NOTE.—For dates subsequent to the Census of 30th June, 1954, the estimated population in each State represents the population ascertained at the Census, plus natural increase and recorded net migration into the State since the Census. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated State populations so derived are approximate, and are subject to revision when the actual population of each State is ascertained at the next Census. For some States such revisions were substantial after the Census of 1954.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June—									
1949 ..	3,092,621	2,142,986	1,159,124	679,305	532,191	267,062	13,391	21,386	7,908,066
1950 ..	3,193,372	2,208,078	1,196,185	709,547	557,096	275,902	14,692	23,824	8,178,696
1951 ..	3,278,032	2,276,575	1,227,701	732,430	580,343	286,193	15,609	24,892	8,421,775
1952 ..	3,339,455	2,344,491	1,259,478	755,053	599,858	296,299	15,464	26,360	8,636,458
1953 ..	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645	8,815,362
1954(a) ..	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955 ..	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	b 32,424	9,200,691
1956 ..	3,553,432	2,605,088	1,370,697	848,526	677,389	319,648	18,297	b 34,481	9,427,558
1957 ..	3,622,906	2,673,498	1,396,740	873,123	691,882	327,895	19,170	c 37,865	9,643,079
1958 ..	3,689,175	2,741,397	1,417,404	896,750	705,250	335,418	19,579	41,167	9,846,140
1959 ..	3,756,375	2,814,523	1,440,998	920,835	719,164	342,315	20,942	d 46,070	10,061,222
31st March—									
1960 ..	3,812,380	2,875,360	1,450,314	939,576	727,339	349,643	21,135	51,642	10,227,389

(a) Census. (b) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra are as follows:— 1955, 32,750; 1956, 35,135. (c) Estimate based on the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra. (d) Estimate based on the June, 1959, Population Count of Canberra.

OVERSEA ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

"Long term and permanent movement" relates to persons other than Australian troops who state they intend to reside for a period of one year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. "Short term movement" relates to persons who intend residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Short Term Movement.				Long Term and Permanent Movement.		
	Australian Residents.		Visitors from Overseas.		Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals.
	Returning.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.			
Monthly Average—							
1950-51	2,812	2,617	3,594	3,753	12,774	1,729	11,045
1951-52	3,251	3,233	3,895	4,085	10,872	2,126	8,746
1952-53	3,351	3,427	3,838	4,198	7,991	2,717	5,274
1953-54	3,648	3,556	3,953	3,906	7,206	2,924	4,282
1954-55	4,107	4,013	4,277	4,220	10,348	2,877	7,471
1955-56	4,719	4,469	4,608	4,515	11,052	3,159	7,893
1956-57	4,604	4,162	5,532	5,617	10,050	3,209	6,841
1957-58	4,844	4,714	4,922	4,964	8,998	3,536	5,462
1958-59	4,999	4,933	5,361	5,481	9,725	3,242	6,483
1959-60	5,527	6,113	6,332	6,516	11,140	3,777	7,363
Monthly Total—							
1957-58—							
January	5,641	4,868	5,183	6,054	12,617	4,510	8,107
February	4,555	4,381	5,371	5,052	6,480	2,698	3,782
March	5,264	6,488	5,995	5,993	8,852	3,704	5,148
April	4,280	7,442	5,196	5,621	11,743	4,795	6,948
May	4,008	5,585	4,395	4,971	7,424	3,297	4,127
June	3,752	4,368	3,527	3,983	10,916	3,777	7,139
1958-59—							
July	4,408	3,916	4,043	3,858	7,794	2,883	4,911
August	5,037	4,003	4,337	4,742	7,372	4,193	3,179
September	5,764	3,089	4,733	4,600	8,151	2,715	5,436
October	5,509	3,526	5,271	5,198	6,617	3,454	3,163
November	5,663	3,916	5,631	5,596	11,018	4,195	6,823
December	5,184	7,306	7,660	5,364	10,873	4,757	6,116
January	6,231	4,649	5,554	7,008	9,191	3,387	5,804
February	5,033	5,120	6,238	6,021	14,003	2,941	11,062
March	4,428	5,432	6,444	6,455	8,113	2,360	5,753
April	4,058	7,579	5,139	6,554	11,760	3,149	8,611
May	4,185	6,353	4,862	5,972	12,576	3,029	9,547
June	4,490	4,304	4,421	4,402	9,229	1,837	7,392
1959-60—							
July	3,761	4,775	4,043	4,781	12,414	4,320	8,094
August	4,927	4,164	4,808	4,658	6,554	2,761	3,793
September	5,957	4,710	5,858	5,602	8,454	3,501	4,953
October	7,396	4,696	6,480	6,513	12,435	3,937	8,498
November	5,956	4,189	6,290	6,578	8,213	4,273	3,940
December	5,332	8,660	7,983	7,486	11,080	4,949	6,131
January	6,849	4,883	6,696	7,331	14,022	4,132	9,890
February	5,243	5,328	7,146	6,424	9,396	3,074	6,322
March	5,655	8,318	8,122	7,886	13,672	3,827	9,845
April	4,910	9,372	6,490	7,434	12,557	3,600	8,957
May	4,774	7,451	6,172	7,066	11,980	3,512	8,468
June	5,564	6,804	5,896	6,437	12,907	3,442	9,465

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

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Month.	Total Civilian Employees. (Excluding Rural and Female Private Domestics.)			Total Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities.(b)	Private Employers. (c)	Total.(c)	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1956—June ..	604.9	1,477.3	2,082.2	57.3	778.0	214.6	310.4	130.0	212.7	187.3
1957—June ..	609.5	1,475.9	2,085.4	56.3	780.2	207.4	313.0	129.6	214.0	193.1
1958—June ..	621.8	1,476.1	2,097.9	51.6	791.1	202.4	311.8	132.7	216.3	196.3
1959—June ..	633.9	1,493.7	2,127.6	49.1	805.6	205.2	312.6	133.6	221.5	201.5
1959—February ..	631.2	1,489.5	2,120.7	49.6	800.2	203.2	312.2	133.9	222.3	201.1
March ..	632.0	1,491.5	2,123.5	49.1	802.4	203.7	312.6	133.3	222.2	201.9
April ..	633.6	1,493.6	2,127.2	49.2	804.3	205.6	312.7	133.1	222.7	201.4
May ..	634.4	1,493.3	2,127.7	49.0	804.7	206.0	312.3	133.9	221.8	201.7
1960—February ..	634.2	1,532.4	2,166.6	49.3	825.5	204.5	311.9	136.8	229.6	208.9
March ..	635.0	1,538.6	2,173.6	49.3	829.1	205.8	312.2	136.4	230.7	209.5
April ..	634.6	1,538.8	2,173.4	49.2	830.7	205.0	311.4	136.2	230.3	210.1
May ..	633.9	1,543.9	2,177.8	49.3	833.5	205.3	311.5	137.6	230.4	209.6
FEMALES.										
1956—June ..	129.8	643.6	773.4	1.2	242.5	5.1	40.1	123.0	88.1	236.6
1957—June ..	132.8	647.4	780.2	1.2	242.9	5.3	40.1	121.6	90.3	241.9
1958—June ..	136.6	655.9	792.5	1.1	244.0	5.5	39.9	125.6	92.3	246.4
1959—June ..	143.9	669.1	813.0	1.1	248.9	5.6	40.3	126.5	95.3	256.5
1959—February ..	143.0	667.6	810.6	1.1	249.9	5.5	40.5	126.0	94.8	254.2
March ..	143.4	669.8	813.2	1.1	250.3	5.6	40.5	125.9	95.3	255.8
April ..	143.7	669.1	812.8	1.1	249.2	5.6	40.4	126.1	95.4	256.3
May ..	143.6	669.6	813.2	1.1	248.4	5.6	40.3	127.6	95.3	256.3
1960—February ..	148.6	697.3	845.9	1.1	264.4	5.8	41.2	130.4	100.3	263.2
March ..	149.5	702.5	852.0	1.1	266.8	5.9	41.2	131.0	101.3	265.1
April ..	149.7	701.0	850.7	1.1	264.6	5.9	41.2	131.5	101.0	265.9
May ..	150.0	705.8	855.8	1.1	266.6	6.0	41.0	133.7	101.2	266.5
PERSONS.										
1956—June ..	734.7	2,120.9	2,855.6	58.5	1,020.5	219.7	350.5	253.0	300.8	423.9
1957—June ..	742.3	2,123.3	2,865.6	57.5	1,023.1	212.7	353.1	251.2	304.3	435.0
1958—June ..	758.4	2,132.0	2,890.4	52.7	1,035.1	207.9	351.7	258.3	308.6	442.7
1959—June ..	777.8	2,162.8	2,940.6	50.2	1,054.5	210.8	352.9	260.1	316.8	458.0
1959—February ..	774.2	2,157.1	2,931.3	50.7	1,050.1	208.7	352.7	259.9	317.1	455.3
March ..	775.4	2,161.3	2,936.7	50.2	1,052.7	209.3	353.1	259.2	317.5	457.7
April ..	777.3	2,162.7	2,940.0	50.3	1,053.5	211.2	353.1	259.2	318.1	457.7
May ..	778.0	2,162.9	2,940.9	50.1	1,053.1	211.6	352.6	261.5	317.1	458.0
1960—February ..	782.8	2,229.7	3,012.5	50.4	1,089.9	210.3	353.1	267.2	329.9	472.1
March ..	784.5	2,241.1	3,025.6	50.4	1,095.9	211.7	353.4	267.4	332.0	474.6
April ..	784.3	2,239.8	3,024.1	50.3	1,095.3	210.9	352.6	267.7	331.3	476.0
May ..	783.9	2,249.7	3,033.6	50.4	1,100.1	211.3	352.5	271.3	331.6	476.1

(a) Excludes permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is obtained from annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections.
 (b) Includes all employees of Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (c) See note (b), page 8. (d) Includes education, health, hotels and restaurants, other professional and personal services (except female private domestics).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

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Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
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MALES.

1956—June ..	808.3	583.2	282.4	187.9	140.5	65.7	5.2	9.0	2,082.2
1957—June ..	810.2	586.0	282.6	186.4	138.4	66.0	5.8	10.0	2,085.4
1958—June ..	813.9	592.9	282.8	186.0	138.6	67.0	5.6	11.1	2,097.9
1959—June ..	819.0	603.4	287.8	192.0	140.0	67.6	5.9	11.9	2,127.6
1959—February ..	817.0	605.2	282.8	190.0	140.0	68.0	5.8	11.9	2,120.7
March ..	817.0	606.1	283.5	190.5	140.6	68.2	5.8	11.8	2,123.5
April ..	817.7	605.8	285.8	191.3	140.7	68.1	5.9	11.9	2,127.2
May ..	818.4	604.3	287.6	191.4	140.2	67.9	5.9	12.0	2,127.7
1960—February ..	837.7	617.4	285.9	196.0	141.5	69.2	6.0	12.9	2,166.6
March ..	840.1	619.4	287.6	196.4	141.4	69.5	6.1	13.1	2,173.6
April ..	840.9	618.1	288.5	196.2	141.0	69.5	6.1	13.1	2,173.4
May ..	842.4	619.6	289.4	196.4	141.1	69.5	6.3	13.1	2,177.8

FEMALES.

1956—June ..	305.9	238.5	93.7	62.5	45.1	23.2	1.2	3.3	773.4
1957—June ..	309.3	240.4	95.8	62.4	44.5	22.9	1.2	3.7	780.2
1958—June ..	314.4	244.5	95.9	63.4	45.6	23.5	1.3	3.9	792.5
1959—June ..	320.4	252.8	97.9	65.9	47.0	23.3	1.4	4.3	813.0
1959—February ..	318.5	253.8	98.0	65.3	46.7	22.8	1.4	4.1	810.6
March ..	319.6	254.6	97.5	65.7	47.1	23.1	1.4	4.2	813.2
April ..	319.8	253.9	97.2	65.4	47.2	23.7	1.4	4.2	812.8
May ..	320.6	252.8	97.8	65.6	47.3	23.5	1.4	4.2	813.2
1960—February ..	333.6	265.0	100.0	69.0	48.4	23.7	1.5	4.7	845.9
March ..	336.7	266.8	100.0	69.7	48.8	23.7	1.5	4.8	852.0
April ..	337.2	264.5	100.5	69.4	48.7	24.0	1.6	4.8	850.7
May ..	338.9	266.1	101.2	69.8	49.3	24.1	1.6	4.8	855.8

PERSONS.

1956—June ..	1,114.2	821.7	376.1	250.4	185.6	88.9	6.4	12.3	2,855.6
1957—June ..	1,119.5	826.4	378.4	248.8	182.9	88.9	7.0	13.7	2,865.6
1958—June ..	1,128.3	837.4	378.7	249.4	184.2	90.5	6.9	15.0	2,890.4
1959—June ..	1,139.4	856.2	385.7	257.9	187.0	90.9	7.3	16.2	2,940.6
1959—February ..	1,135.5	859.0	380.8	255.3	186.7	90.8	7.2	16.0	2,931.3
March ..	1,136.6	860.7	381.0	256.2	187.7	91.3	7.2	16.0	2,936.7
April ..	1,137.5	859.7	383.0	256.7	187.9	91.8	7.3	16.1	2,940.0
May ..	1,139.0	857.1	385.4	257.0	187.5	91.4	7.3	16.2	2,940.9
1960—February ..	1,171.3	882.4	385.9	265.0	189.9	92.9	7.5	17.6	3,012.5
March ..	1,176.8	886.2	387.6	266.1	190.2	93.2	7.6	17.9	3,025.6
April ..	1,178.1	882.6	389.0	265.6	189.7	93.5	7.7	17.9	3,024.1
May ..	1,181.3	885.7	390.6	266.2	190.4	93.6	7.9	17.9	3,033.6

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestics, permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. See note (b), page 8, and notes on page 6.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)(b)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
										Un-adjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
Average of Monthly Figures—	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.		
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1951-52 ..	391.5	310.9	90.0	81.5	42.7	23.0	707.9	231.7	939.6	1,787	1,440
1952-53 ..	364.6	297.0	88.4	77.8	42.7	22.4	687.6	205.3	892.9	1,698	1,336
1953-54 ..	386.3	317.3	93.0	82.7	44.9	23.4	721.6	226.0	947.6	1,802	1,392
1954-55 ..	403.0	332.6	95.4	86.6	46.8	24.4	751.4	237.4	988.8	1,881	1,422
1955-56 ..	417.0	341.3	97.2	89.9	47.5	26.0	775.4	243.5	1,018.9	1,938	1,429
1956-57 ..	420.1	341.0	98.1	89.2	46.1	26.5	776.6	244.4	1,021.0	1,942	1,399
1957-58 ..	429.2	344.8	96.9	89.5	45.8	26.9	786.8	246.3	1,033.1	1,965	1,385
1958-59 ..	433.4	348.7	99.8	91.0	45.7	27.2	798.8	247.0	1,045.8	1,989	1,373
At end of Month—											
1957-58—											
May ..	432.4	345.1	97.6	89.0	45.7	27.4	791.4	245.8	1,037.2	1,973	1,379
June ..	431.5	342.8	99.4	88.9	45.2	27.3	791.1	244.0	1,035.1	1,969	1,374
1958-59—											
July ..	432.3	343.8	100.8	89.9	45.4	26.8	794.4	244.6	1,039.0	1,976	1,376
August ..	432.6	343.6	102.1	89.8	45.3	26.5	794.6	245.3	1,039.9	1,978	1,376
September ..	432.8	344.8	101.8	90.1	45.6	26.2	795.4	245.9	1,041.3	1,981	1,375
October ..	433.0	346.3	101.7	90.2	45.7	26.2	796.9	246.2	1,043.1	1,984	1,375
November ..	434.2	348.1	101.6	90.4	45.7	26.5	799.4	247.1	1,046.5	1,990	1,376
December ..	431.3	346.7	95.0	90.2	45.7	27.7	792.4	244.2	1,036.6	1,972	1,361
January ..	430.1	347.5	96.0	91.6	45.4	28.1	795.0	243.7	1,038.7	1,975	1,361
February ..	433.1	353.4	99.2	91.5	45.7	27.2	800.2	249.9	1,050.1	1,997	1,373
March ..	434.2	354.1	98.6	92.2	46.1	27.5	802.4	250.3	1,052.7	2,002	1,374
April ..	434.8	353.2	99.3	91.9	46.2	28.1	804.3	249.2	1,053.5	2,004	1,374
May ..	436.0	351.5	100.0	91.7	45.9	28.0	804.7	248.4	1,053.1	2,003	1,370
June ..	436.9	351.7	100.9	92.2	45.3	27.5	805.6	248.9	1,054.5	2,006	1,370
1959-60—											
July ..	438.0	351.5	102.3	92.5	45.3	27.1	807.6	249.1	1,056.7	2,010	1,370
August ..	439.1	353.2	102.1	92.8	45.5	27.0	808.8	250.9	1,059.7	2,016	1,372
September ..	442.9	355.7	101.2	93.7	46.0	27.0	812.6	253.9	1,066.5	2,028	1,378
October ..	444.6	358.1	100.0	94.0	46.1	27.0	813.8	256.0	1,069.8	2,035	1,381
November ..	447.0	360.3	97.7	94.5	46.5	27.5	815.3	258.2	1,073.5	2,042	1,383
December ..	446.8	360.5	94.2	94.6	46.2	28.4	813.7	257.0	1,070.7	2,036	1,376
January ..	448.5	362.8	95.6	96.1	46.0	29.2	819.3	258.9	1,078.2	2,051	r1,383
February ..	453.1	366.7	98.4	96.5	46.7	28.5	825.5	264.4	1,089.9	2,073	r1,395
March ..	454.8	369.5	98.7	97.7	46.6	28.6	829.1	266.8	1,095.9	2,084	r1,400
April ..	455.6	367.3	100.0	97.2	46.4	28.8	830.7	264.6	1,095.3	2,083	r1,396
May ..	457.2	368.6	101.5	97.3	46.6	28.9	833.5	266.6	1,100.1	2,092	1,400

(a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1959, represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1959, the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

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Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(b)		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
Average of Monthly Figures—									
1952-53.. ..	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6
1953-54.. ..	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2
1954-55.. ..	96.3	69.9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129.7	120.0	249.7
1955-56.. ..	97.7	71.4	31.7	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.6	124.3	254.9
1956-57.. ..	96.3	71.2	32.0	24.8	19.7	7.9	130.1	123.0	253.1
1957-58.. ..	98.8	72.5	32.5	24.7	20.0	7.8	132.4	125.2	257.6
1958-59.. ..	99.3	74.3	32.5	25.0	20.9	7.6	134.0	127.1	261.1
At end of Month—									
1957-58—									
May	99.3	73.2	32.5	24.6	20.4	7.7	133.2	126.0	259.2
June	98.5	73.3	32.4	24.5	20.3	7.7	132.7	125.6	258.3
1958-59—									
July	98.7	73.2	32.3	24.4	20.4	7.6	132.5	125.5	258.0
August	98.0	73.1	32.2	24.4	20.3	7.5	132.2	124.9	257.1
September ..	98.2	73.6	32.3	24.6	20.6	7.5	132.8	125.4	258.2
October	98.9	74.0	32.3	24.8	20.6	7.5	133.2	126.4	259.6
November ..	102.4	75.6	33.0	25.4	21.1	7.6	135.8	130.7	266.5
December ..	106.0	76.5	33.4	25.8	21.7	7.9	139.1	133.5	272.6
January	98.6	74.4	32.5	25.1	21.2	7.8	134.1	127.0	261.1
February ..	98.0	74.9	32.3	24.9	20.8	7.5	133.9	126.0	259.9
March	97.7	74.3	32.2	25.0	20.8	7.5	133.3	125.9	259.2
April	97.9	74.2	32.2	25.0	20.8	7.6	133.1	126.1	259.2
May	99.0	74.2	32.9	25.1	21.1	7.7	133.9	127.6	261.5
June	98.4	74.0	32.5	25.0	21.0	7.8	133.6	126.5	260.1
1959-60—									
July	98.4	74.0	32.6	25.0	21.0	7.8	133.6	126.4	260.0
August	98.5	73.9	32.7	25.0	21.1	7.7	134.1	126.3	260.4
September ..	98.8	74.3	32.8	25.2	21.2	7.7	134.3	127.2	261.5
October	99.1	74.7	33.1	25.5	21.6	7.8	134.8	128.5	263.3
November ..	103.5	76.9	33.5	26.2	21.9	7.9	137.1	134.3	271.4
December ..	106.7	78.7	35.0	26.3	21.8	8.2	141.0	137.2	278.2
January	100.8	75.8	33.4	26.1	21.7	8.1	136.3	131.2	267.5
February ..	100.3	76.3	33.2	26.1	21.8	8.0	136.8	130.4	267.2
March	101.0	76.0	33.3	25.9	21.9	7.9	136.4	131.0	267.4
April	101.0	75.9	33.4	25.9	22.0	7.9	136.2	131.5	267.7
May	102.5	76.6	33.9	26.2	22.5	8.0	137.6	133.7	271.3

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp.
Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

Period.	Unemployment.									Sickness.	Special.	
											Ordinary.	Migrant. <i>b</i>
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas-mania.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.	Australia.	Australia.	Australia.
Average of Monthly Figures—												
1949-50(c) ..	<i>d</i> 8,327	123	1,371	(<i>e</i>) 241	155	30	(<i>f</i>)	(<i>g</i>)	10,247	7,585	897	(<i>h</i>)
1950-51(c) ..	<i>d</i> 287	71	326	(<i>e</i>) 6	59	14	(<i>f</i>)	(<i>g</i>)	763	7,059	863	(<i>h</i>)
1951-52 ..	<i>d</i> 949	220	1,374	(<i>e</i>) 24	64	16	(<i>f</i>)	(<i>g</i>)	2,647	6,454	993	(<i>h</i>)
1952-53 ..	<i>d</i> 17,590	6,168	4,281	(<i>e</i>) 842	841	262	(<i>f</i>)	(<i>g</i>)	29,984	7,140	1,408	(<i>i</i>) 415
1953-54 ..	<i>d</i> 6,495	2,698	3,169	(<i>e</i>) 252	406	212	(<i>f</i>)	(<i>g</i>)	13,232	7,994	1,868	426
1954-55 ..	1,440	538	1,408	66	153	81	1	3	3,690	7,984	1,983	484
1955-56 ..	1,362	479	1,511	83	515	57	1	6	4,014	7,303	1,973	464
1956-57 ..	4,151	3,349	2,343	702	1,972	134	..	15	12,666	6,992	2,012	823
1957-58 ..	8,706	5,127	5,588	1,566	2,360	512	9	32	23,900	7,314	2,107	611
1958-59 ..	11,588	5,743	4,883	1,603	2,838	611	5	40	27,311	8,241	2,147	463
Last Saturday of Month—												
1957-58—												
May ..	10,465	5,894	5,799	2,075	2,543	459	10	37	27,282	7,970	2,216	162
June ..	11,669	6,899	4,905	2,258	3,005	639	9	34	29,418	8,001	2,149	75
1958-59—												
July ..	12,054	7,442	3,907	2,385	3,363	712	8	44	29,915	8,044	2,093	220
August ..	11,309	7,435	3,176	2,204	3,219	891	3	41	28,278	8,703	2,091	256
September ..	10,587	6,735	2,984	1,930	2,875	849	3	39	26,002	8,472	2,040	745
October ..	10,267	5,656	2,874	1,706	2,709	789	1	35	24,037	8,651	2,071	142
November ..	9,827	4,916	3,031	1,505	2,354	635	2	32	22,302	8,695	2,112	203
December ..	11,819	5,436	5,460	1,703	2,501	580	4	62	27,565	7,888	2,034	690
January ..	12,794	5,389	8,359	1,461	3,009	411	10	53	31,486	7,778	2,157	539
February ..	12,032	4,572	6,866	1,321	2,914	454	10	38	28,207	7,791	2,235	426
March ..	11,952	4,548	6,769	1,116	2,850	398	7	29	27,669	7,762	2,157	519
April ..	12,237	5,136	5,057	1,254	2,652	446	10	32	26,824	8,188	2,214	390
May ..	12,116	5,643	5,631	1,317	2,674	497	4	42	27,924	8,450	2,293	872
June ..	12,062	6,013	4,477	1,332	2,939	670	5	30	27,528	8,473	2,164	553
1959-60—												
July ..	12,524	6,339	3,008	1,444	3,279	798	5	45	27,442	8,786	2,244	479
August ..	10,888	6,012	2,608	1,411	2,993	932	4	39	24,887	9,069	2,187	470
September ..	9,232	5,281	2,902	1,226	2,670	816	6	30	22,163	9,223	2,268	199
October ..	7,832	4,302	3,121	1,158	2,436	714	5	30	19,598	8,977	2,241	624
November ..	6,954	3,727	4,502	1,115	2,113	600	5	21	19,037	8,990	2,245	131
December ..	7,381	4,044	6,814	1,120	2,538	546	4	22	22,469	8,525	2,244	436
January ..	7,849	3,946	7,765	1,152	2,638	397	7	27	23,781	8,188	2,326	480
February ..	6,568	3,263	6,472	988	2,325	371	6	27	20,020	8,458	2,403	118
March ..	6,011	3,254	5,356	1,034	2,073	286	6	22	18,042	8,842	2,410	388
April ..	6,013	3,588	4,306	1,324	2,084	352	3	17	17,687	8,346	2,379	661
May ..	5,719	3,768	3,382	1,375	2,075	424	5	17	16,765	8,693	2,275	87

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services. (b) In reception and training centres. (c) Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII, of the *Social Services Act* 1947-1958. (d) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (e) Includes the Northern Territory. (f) Included with South Australia. (g) Included with New South Wales. (h) Not available. (i) Eight months only.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS—continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS (a): AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.			Amount paid in Benefits during Month.				
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unemployment.	Sickness.	Special—		Total.
						Ordinary.	Migrants. (b)	
				£	£	£	£	£
Monthly Average—								
1949-50.. ..	10,854	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	35,361		208,868
1950-51.. ..	881	111	992	5,204	62,143	5,568	13,520	86,435
1951-52.. ..	1,771	520	2,291	15,584	59,157	6,911	2,319	83,971
1952-53.. ..	12,793	1,797	14,590	380,812	116,108	16,197	8,172	521,289
1953-54.. ..	4,368	810	5,178	208,788	139,633	25,639	4,561	378,621
1954-55.. ..	1,529	496	2,025	56,620	133,987	24,848	4,534	219,989
1955-56.. ..	2,525	590	3,115	55,985	126,589	25,585	5,433	213,592
1956-57.. ..	6,811	1,192	8,003	174,670	124,877	26,954	6,785	333,286
1957-58.. ..	9,951	2,039	11,990	409,981	154,771	32,868	13,275	610,895
1958-59.. ..	9,619	2,466	12,085	496,623	183,044	34,963	6,395	721,025
Monthly Total—								
1957-58—								
May(c)	12,160	3,248	15,408	515,038	188,744	43,205	6,289	753,276
June	10,432	2,577	13,009	453,460	172,398	35,493	3,198	664,549
1958-59—								
July	9,983	2,466	12,449	490,555	170,695	32,698	5,085	699,033
August(c) ..	10,951	2,724	13,675	564,035	206,765	37,461	5,613	813,874
September ..	7,611	1,966	9,577	474,595	187,927	34,092	2,282	698,896
October	6,531	1,714	8,245	482,293	192,288	34,680	4,731	713,992
November(c) ..	7,786	2,323	10,109	431,353	195,064	34,838	1,661	662,916
December ..	10,291	1,906	12,197	393,651	156,186	31,778	5,979	587,594
January(c) ..	17,160	2,603	19,763	605,009	171,145	29,778	12,245	818,177
February ..	9,567	2,580	12,147	573,460	168,319	37,133	9,395	788,307
March	7,709	2,652	10,361	472,622	174,224	34,235	5,915	686,996
April	8,094	2,748	10,842	508,367	194,758	40,303	5,911	749,339
May(c)	10,863	3,416	14,279	492,654	196,075	37,562	6,511	732,802
June	8,880	2,492	11,372	470,654	183,081	35,002	11,647	700,384
1959-60—								
July	8,467	2,605	11,072	535,299	220,331	42,890	9,177	807,697
August(c) ..	8,942	2,697	11,639	442,688	184,902	34,048	12,854	674,492
September ..	6,145	1,814	7,959	419,221	202,451	39,707	2,802	664,181
October(c) ..	5,974	2,038	8,012	385,693	195,201	35,905	2,678	619,477
November ..	5,776	1,549	7,325	338,603	188,423	38,135	Cr. 856	564,305
December ..	8,226	1,725	9,951	386,552	182,536	36,809	2,971	608,868
January(c) ..	11,686	2,352	14,038	450,905	176,289	35,276	6,224	668,694
February ..	6,021	2,093	8,114	383,919	178,087	40,066	5,541	607,613
March	5,062	2,166	7,228	337,923	208,492	42,317	4,333	593,065
April (c) ..	6,514	2,305	8,819	319,914	169,458	36,908	5,056	531,336
May	5,355	1,864	7,219	277,399	166,673	34,985	8,817	487,874

(a) Number admitted and amount paid during the four weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month except where otherwise shown. (b) In reception and training centres. (c) Number admitted and amount paid during the five weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a) : COMMODITY GROUPS.

(Figures from 1952-53 inclusive adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census.)

The figures in the table below relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Hotels, garages and service stations are also included in respect of goods sold, but establishments such as clubs and guest houses are entirely excluded. Figures for the years 1952-53 and 1956-57 are derived from censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas other figures are estimates made by means of sample surveys.

(£ million.)

Period.	Gro- ceries.	But- chers' Meat.	Other Food. (b)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing and Dra- pery.	Foot- wear.	Hard- ware.(c)	Electri- cal Goods. (d)	Furni- ture.	Chem- ists' Goods.	News- papers, Books and Sta- tionery.	Other Goods. (e)	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.).	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(f)
Quarterly Average—														
1949-50 ..	40.2	18.9	32.9	26.2	66.0		16.6	10.9	13.6		51.1		276.4	68.3
1950-51 ..	46.5	23.1	38.9	30.8	82.1		22.8	16.2	19.2		63.1		342.7	95.5
1951-52 ..	58.2	29.7	47.0	38.5	87.9		27.4	19.4	19.0		76.9		404.0	108.3
1952-53 ..	65.3	31.9	51.6	43.3	76.5 | 12.2		28.0	19.0	18.2		12.7 | 13.3 | 52.7		424.7	104.8
1953-54 ..	68.7	33.5	55.9	46.7	96.9		30.7	22.8	20.2		84.1		459.5	123.5
1954-55 ..	75.5	36.7	61.6	51.1	104.8		34.0	24.8	21.6		92.1		502.2	142.9
1955-56 ..	82.2	39.7	67.3	55.5	108.3		36.1	26.2	23.0		99.6		537.9	153.4
1956-57 ..	86.0	42.6	70.7	59.4	95.2 | 14.9		36.3	28.4	23.1		19.2 | 17.3 | 69.4		562.5	158.1
1957-58 ..	89.6	42.7	73.6	62.0	112.8		36.6	34.6	24.4		109.7		586.0	171.4
1958-59—p ..	94.2	44.4	78.1	61.2	100.8 | 16.2		39.7	39.5	24.8		23.6 | 18.7 | 70.1		611.3	185.5
Quarterly Total—														
1955-56—														
June ..	82.5	41.7	66.4	55.3	114.6		35.5	23.2	22.4		96.3		537.9	149.6
1956-57—														
Sept. ..	85.6	42.8	69.2	54.0	102.1		35.3	24.7	23.3		100.1		537.1	154.4
Dec. ..	89.9	43.0	73.6	64.9	128.0		40.3	34.2	26.1		120.6		620.6	164.0
Mar. ..	82.7	41.9	70.3	61.3	94.9		34.2	26.5	20.9		100.5		533.2	152.2
June ..	85.7	42.7	69.6	57.5	115.2		35.3	28.1	22.3		102.7		559.1	161.9
1957-58—														
Sept. ..	86.9	43.6	69.9	57.3	106.1		35.7	30.0	24.2		103.7		557.4	164.7
Dec. ..	92.6	42.0	77.4	69.1	132.3		41.2	39.2	27.4		126.3		647.5	180.1
Mar. ..	88.2	41.9	74.7	63.6	94.9		34.8	35.2	22.4		104.4		560.1	167.4
June ..	90.6	43.3	72.5	58.2	117.7		34.5	33.9	23.6		104.6		578.9	173.6
1958-59—p														
Sept. ..	91.7	43.9	73.7	56.1	95.5 | 15.1		37.9	38.9	24.8		22.3 | 17.2 | 67.8		584.9	180.9
Dec. ..	98.9	44.4	81.4	67.2	117.3 | 18.7		45.3	45.6	27.8		25.5 | 21.3 | 80.1		673.5	195.1
Mar. ..	92.0	43.2	81.5	64.1	82.5 | 14.0		37.0	35.9	21.8		22.4 | 18.3 | 64.2		576.9	176.8
June ..	94.1	46.3	75.7	57.6	108.0 | 16.9		38.8	37.4	24.6		24.4 | 17.8 | 68.1		609.7	189.3
1959-60—p														
Sept. ..	96.8	47.2	78.9	58.7	101.0 | 16.7		39.9	43.1	27.1		24.1 | 18.3 | 68.9		620.7	200.7
Dec. ..	104.0	46.4	87.6	70.1	125.1 | 20.5		47.9	52.0	31.6		27.4 | 22.8 | 83.7		719.1	228.3
Mar. ..	97.6	45.9	83.3	67.1	91.4 | 15.3		40.2	43.9	25.4		24.4 | 20.2 | 69.2		623.9	207.2
June ..													655.9	217.5

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, building sheets, tiles, joinery, cement). (d) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (e) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. (f) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each month, but from the time of assignment, are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
		Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	
MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS, ETC.						
Monthly Average—						
1955-56	25,483	17,700	695	10,496	412	59
1956-57	26,424	18,718	708	11,407	432	61
1957-58	29,848	21,467	719	13,110	439	61
1958-59	32,944	23,764	721	14,749	448	62
Monthly Total—						
1958-59—	r	r		r		
May	31,822	23,280	732	14,473	455	62
June	33,431	24,020	r718	15,223	455	63
1959-60—						
July	34,621	24,692	713	15,616	451	63
August	35,510	25,553	720	16,201	456	63
September	38,854	28,242	r727	17,803	458	63
October	40,622	30,226	744	19,092	470	63
November	39,418	30,373	771	19,299	490	r64
December	42,390	32,569	r768	20,788	r490	64
January	34,288	23,881	r697	15,427	r450	65
February	34,861	25,458	r730	16,283	r467	64
March	39,756	29,306	r737	18,817	r473	64
April p	32,444	24,784	764	16,088	496	65
May p	35,795	27,472	768	17,879	500	65

PLANT AND MACHINERY.

Monthly Average—	r	r		r		
1955-56	1,584	992	626	616	389	62
1956-57	1,802	1,207	670	764	424	63
1957-58	1,872	1,322	r706	851	r455	64
1958-59	2,596	1,834	706	1,176	r453	64
Monthly Total—						
1958-59—			r		r	
May	2,619	1,707	652	1,111	424	65
June	2,534	1,686	665	1,100	434	65
1959-60—						
July	2,632	1,609	611	1,015	386	63
August	2,397	1,629	680	1,073	448	66
September	2,588	1,904	736	1,262	488	66
October	3,220	2,479	770	1,623	504	65
November	3,527	2,984	846	1,900	539	64
December	3,463	2,739	791	1,811	523	66
January	2,335	1,808	774	1,188	509	66
February	2,684	1,972	735	1,302	485	66
March	3,359	2,745	817	1,817	541	66
April p	2,466	2,091	848	1,388	563	66
May p	2,715	2,213	815	1,453	535	66

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—*continued.*

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA—*continued.*

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
		Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	
HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.						
Monthly Average—						
1955-56	56,292	4,320	77	3,509	62	81
1956-57	56,473	4,437	79	3,564	63	80
1957-58	67,949	6,965	103	5,648	83	81
1958-59	r69,689	r6,951	100	r5,714	82	82
Monthly Total—						
1958-59—	r	r		r		
May	63,176	6,369	101	5,293	84	83
June	64,940	6,304	97	5,186	80	82
1959-60—						
July	62,977	6,334	r101	5,266	84	83
August	62,409	6,216	100	5,024	r81	81
September	70,988	7,176	101	5,941	84	83
October	73,737	7,372	100	6,095	83	83
November	76,735	7,613	99	6,274	82	82
December	92,030	8,795	96	7,279	79	83
January	77,539	7,605	98	6,246	r81	82
February	65,918	6,879	104	5,583	r85	81
March	71,936	8,081	112	6,634	92	82
April p	59,904	6,239	104	5,224	87	84
May p	67,269	7,241	108	6,044	90	83
TOTAL (ALL GOODS).						
Monthly Average—						
1955-56	r83,359	r23,012	276	14,621	175	64
1956-57	84,699	24,362	288	15,735	186	65
1957-58	99,669	29,754	299	19,609	197	66
1958-59	105,229	32,549	309	21,639	206	66
Monthly Total—						
1958-59—						
May	97,617	31,356	321	20,877	214	67
June	100,905	32,010	317	21,509	213	67
1959-60—						
July	100,230	32,635	326	21,897	218	67
August	100,316	33,398	333	22,298	222	67
September	112,430	37,322	332	25,006	222	67
October	117,579	40,077	r341	26,810	228	67
November	119,680	40,970	342	27,473	r230	67
December	137,883	44,103	r320	29,878	r217	r69
January	114,162	33,294	r292	22,861	r200	69
February	103,463	34,309	r332	23,168	r224	r68
March	115,051	40,132	r349	27,268	r237	68
April p	94,814	33,114	349	22,700	239	69
May p	105,743	36,926	349	25,376	240	69

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE), STATES.(a)
(£'000.)

As at—	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1954—							
31st December ..	61,283	38,877	26,667	17,023	12,525	5,918	162,293
1955—							
31st March ..	65,216	41,994	27,622	17,722	13,197	6,434	172,185
30th June ..	68,952	44,830	29,240	18,633	14,151	7,012	182,818
30th September ..	75,069	48,592	31,298	19,930	15,078	7,460	197,427
31st December ..	79,546	53,582	32,764	21,547	16,080	7,951	211,470
1956—	r	r					r
31st March ..	78,777	55,393	32,350	21,507	15,844	8,033	211,904
30th June ..	79,100	56,369	32,266	21,618	15,388	8,163	212,904
30th September ..	80,850	58,158	33,962	22,772	15,276	8,497	219,515
31st December ..	83,831	61,458	36,089	r24,734	15,877	9,033	231,022
1957—				r			
31st March ..	83,868	62,214	36,608	25,216	15,331	9,049	232,286
30th June ..	85,480	64,255	36,934	25,342	15,488	9,023	236,522
30th September ..	89,018	67,416	37,962	25,788	15,982	8,985	245,151
31st October ..	90,886	69,081	38,332	26,178	16,398	9,028	249,903
30th November ..	93,396	71,231	39,274	26,705	16,900	9,219	256,725
31st December ..	96,761	74,144	40,286	27,426	17,470	9,457	265,544
1958—						r	
31st January ..	98,646	76,002	40,641	27,776	17,807	9,598	270,470
28th February ..	100,669	77,980	40,943	27,886	17,779	9,654	274,911
31st March ..	103,427	79,195	41,266	27,859	18,155	9,796	279,698
30th April ..	106,083	81,631	41,552	28,288	18,534	9,916	286,004
31st May ..	109,753	83,841	42,111	28,585	18,859	9,926	293,075
30th June ..	111,872	84,652	42,483	28,688	19,052	9,928	296,675
31st July ..	114,519	86,322	42,903	28,799	19,160	9,930	301,633
31st August ..	117,209	87,625	43,420	29,060	19,363	10,008	306,685
30th September ..	120,375	89,609	44,361	29,630	19,605	10,148	313,728
31st October ..	123,646	91,708	45,474	30,235	20,107	10,305	321,475
30th November ..	126,998	94,005	46,303	30,878	20,708	10,420	329,312
31st December ..	130,813	96,302	47,472	31,780	21,201	10,784	338,352
1959—							
31st January ..	132,164	97,101	47,784	32,054	21,308	10,775	341,186
28th February ..	133,424	97,626	48,097	32,181	20,570	10,770	342,668
31st March ..	134,777	98,035	48,488	31,978	20,526	10,747	344,551
30th April ..	137,455	99,162	48,928	32,152	20,699	10,755	349,151
31st May ..	139,278	99,831	49,348	32,517	20,818	10,693	352,485
30th June ..	141,028	100,193	49,451	32,802	20,779	10,696	354,949
31st July ..	142,857	100,251	r50,221	33,566	20,878	10,817	358,590
31st August ..	144,700	101,506	r50,926	33,981	21,107	10,920	363,140
30th September ..	147,077	103,540	r51,905	34,954	21,407	10,988	369,871
31st October ..	150,139	106,308	r53,345	35,897	21,991	11,101	378,781
30th November ..	153,053	109,352	r55,136	37,069	22,892	11,390	388,892
31st December ..	157,293	112,997	r56,774	38,680	23,633	11,733	401,110
1960—							
31st January ..	158,670	114,258	r56,880	39,252	r23,716	11,676	404,452
29th February ..	158,819	115,145	r57,076	39,676	r22,865	11,651	405,232
31st March ..	160,135	116,579	r57,597	40,434	r23,279	11,560	409,584
31st April p ..	161,023	117,064	58,081	41,058	23,602	11,622	412,450
31st May p ..	161,523	117,702	59,016	41,905	24,282	11,689	416,117

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time.

(b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

Period.								Average Monthly Net Sales Recorded.		
								Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.
1936-37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15.4	21.8	37.2
1937-38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.9	23.6	40.5
1938-39	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.4	23.4	39.8
1948-49	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30.3	63.1	93.4
1949-50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38.0	72.2	110.2
1950-51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46.1	94.9	141.0
1951-52	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52.0	110.1	162.1
1952-53	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46.3	111.8	158.1
1953-54	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57.3	122.2	179.5
1954-55	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63.9	141.6	205.5
1955-56	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66.5	154.8	221.3
1956-57	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65.1	168.1	233.2
1957-58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70.8	175.5	246.3
1958-59	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	74.2	179.3	253.5

Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.								Monthly Net Sales Recorded.		
8½%	12½%	16½%	25%	30%						
1958-59—										
March	13.1	30.7	9.3	6.1	11.4	70.6	170.8	241.4
April	13.8	31.8	10.4	6.6	12.1	74.7	190.1	264.8
May	13.0	28.8	9.8	6.8	10.8	69.2	173.6	242.8
June	12.8	29.0	10.1	6.6	11.2	69.7	191.6	261.3
1959-60—										
July	14.1	32.4	10.1	7.8	12.0	76.4	190.0	266.4
August	14.9	33.4	10.0	8.9	13.3	80.5	193.3	273.8
September	15.8	36.9	11.1	9.0	14.2	87.0	185.2	272.2
October	16.7	38.5	10.5	8.9	15.4	90.0	197.0	287.0
November	18.7	41.2	10.8	9.4	15.9	96.0	201.6	297.6
December	21.1	44.0	11.1	10.5	14.3	101.0	207.4	308.4
January	12.7	30.5	7.9	r6.0	9.9	r67.0	r154.9	r221.9
February(a)	r15.6	r33.8	r10.5	6.9	17.3	r84.1	r188.8	r272.9
March(a)	17.0	37.8	11.1	8.7	16.3	90.9	218.2	309.1

(a) Preliminary and partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—										Fuels and Lubricants. (d)	Auxiliary Aids to Production. (e)	Munitions and War Stores.			
	Building and Construction.	Rural Industries.	Manufacturing.				Total. (c)									
			Motor Vehicle Assembly. <i>ab</i>	Other. (c)												
Class Ia.	Class Ib.	Class Ic (5).		Class Ic (1-4).		CLASS I.		Class II.		Class III.		Class VII.				
Monthly Average—		%		%		%		%		%		%		%		
1936-37 ..	347	4.0	143	1.7	(f)	(f)	3,269	38.0	3,759	43.7	621	7.2	415	4.8	31	0.4
1937-38 ..	472	4.4	155	1.5			4,094	38.6	4,721	44.5	784	7.4	480	4.5	36	0.3
1938-39 ..	385	4.1	171	1.8			3,448	36.5	4,004	42.4	736	7.8	476	5.1	88	0.9
1952-53 ..	1,482	3.5	368	0.9	(f)	(f)	14,228	33.4	16,078	37.8	5,313	12.5	1,951	4.6	755	1.8
1953-54 ..	1,946	3.4	441	0.8			19,548	34.6	21,935	38.8	5,633	10.0	1,995	3.5	351	0.6
1954-55 ..	3,044	4.3	517	0.7			25,691	36.7	29,252	41.7	4,790	6.9	2,503	3.6	728	0.9
1955-56 ..	2,567	3.8	550	0.8	5,672	8.3	25,665	37.7	34,454	50.6	3,889	5.7	2,357	3.4	1,071	1.6
1956-57 ..	2,062	3.5	562	0.9	4,300	7.2	24,723	41.4	31,647	53.0	2,343	3.9	2,191	3.7	745	1.2
1957-58 ..	1,928	2.9	738	1.1	4,751	7.2	27,115	41.3	34,532	52.5	2,026	3.1	2,223	3.4	676	1.0
1958-59 ..	1,899	2.9	670	1.0	5,177	7.8	26,692	40.3	34,438	52.0	2,268	3.5	2,204	3.3	721	1.1
Monthly Total—																
1957-58—																
April ..	1,829	2.7	1,340	2.0	3,546	5.3	29,693	44.3	36,408	54.3	1,258	1.9	2,477	3.7	828	1.2
May ..	1,874	2.8	851	1.3	5,943	8.9	25,229	38.0	33,897	51.0	2,805	4.2	1,918	2.9	645	1.0
June ..	2,036	3.2	656	1.0	5,296	8.4	26,210	41.5	34,198	54.1	1,812	2.9	1,732	2.7	1,210	2.0
1958-59—																
July ..	2,075	3.2	823	1.3	4,642	7.3	26,596	41.7	34,136	53.5	1,556	2.4	1,772	2.8	867	1.3
August ..	1,722	2.4	599	0.8	7,156	9.8	28,715	39.4	38,192	52.4	1,926	2.6	2,230	3.1	836	1.1
September ..	2,281	3.5	519	0.8	4,816	7.3	26,132	39.9	33,748	51.5	2,358	3.6	1,820	2.8	898	1.4
October ..	1,676	2.5	822	1.3	5,159	7.9	25,655	39.1	33,312	50.8	2,820	4.3	2,626	4.0	1,059	1.6
November ..	1,763	2.5	729	1.1	5,820	8.7	27,836	41.4	36,148	53.7	2,400	3.6	2,897	4.3	579	0.9
December ..	2,277	3.7	620	1.0	4,616	7.5	26,321	42.4	33,834	54.6	1,814	2.9	2,691	4.3	467	0.8
January ..	2,108	2.8	519	0.7	4,924	6.6	33,314	44.8	40,865	54.9	2,873	3.9	2,612	3.5	499	0.6
February..	1,405	2.4	625	1.1	3,953	6.7	23,548	40.2	29,531	50.4	2,583	4.4	1,664	2.8	781	1.3
March ..	1,564	2.7	579	1.0	3,962	6.7	22,347	37.9	28,452	48.3	2,184	3.7	1,750	3.0	709	1.2
April ..	1,899	2.6	822	1.1	6,662	9.1	26,246	36.0	35,629	48.8	2,841	3.9	2,368	3.3	884	1.2
May ..	1,858	2.9	710	1.1	5,244	8.3	26,351	41.8	34,163	54.1	1,784	2.8	1,863	3.0	641	1.0
June ..	2,154	3.1	673	1.0	5,172	7.5	27,240	39.3	35,239	50.9	2,079	3.0	2,151	3.1	436	0.6
1959-60 p—																
July ..	2,259	3.2	636	0.9	5,206	7.4	28,312	40.1	36,413	51.6	2,689	3.8	2,318	3.3	1,392	2.0
August ..	2,108	3.0	700	1.0	5,992	8.4	26,742	37.8	35,542	50.2	3,082	4.4	2,292	3.2	586	0.8
September ..	2,049	3.2	531	0.8	5,032	7.9	26,975	42.3	34,587	54.2	1,197	1.9	2,288	3.6	379	0.6
October ..	2,059	2.8	730	1.0	4,991	6.8	30,858	41.8	38,638	52.4	2,221	3.0	2,890	3.9	392	0.5
November ..	2,063	2.8	581	0.8	5,418	7.3	29,966	40.4	38,028	51.3	2,204	3.0	2,261	3.1	1,497	2.0
December ..	1,997	2.6	766	1.0	5,388	7.1	30,342	39.9	38,493	50.6	1,920	2.5	2,301	3.0	887	1.2
January ..	2,340	3.1	531	0.7	7,482	9.9	30,417	40.4	40,770	54.1	1,062	1.4	2,368	3.1	879	1.2
February..	3,123	4.0	713	0.9	5,829	7.4	29,643	37.8	39,308	50.1	2,867	3.7	2,106	2.7	2,355	3.0
March ..	3,792	4.3	776	0.9	9,029	10.2	33,055	37.6	46,652	53.0	2,096	2.4	2,480	2.8	872	1.0
April ..	2,740	3.8	580	0.8	7,542	10.4	27,563	37.9	38,425	52.9	1,992	2.8	3,067	4.2	1,605	2.2
May ..	3,576	3.9	693	0.8	8,833	9.7	36,659	40.4	49,761	54.8	2,689	3.0	2,207	2.4	953	1.0

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts.

(c) Excludes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are recorded in classes VI, E-J and III, respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in class Ic. (1-4).

(e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Included in class Vb. (g) Prior to July, 1955, excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in class Ic. (5).

For meaning of symbol p, —, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumer Goods.							
	Producers' Equipment.		Transport Equipment.				Food, Beverages and Tobacco.		Clothing and Accessories.		All Other.		Total.	
			Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis.		Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.									
	Class IV.		Class V. B.		Class V. A, C, D.		Class VI. A, B, C.		Class VI. D.		Class VI. E-J.		Class VI.	
Monthly Average—		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.1	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,316	15.3	1,878	21.8
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.8	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,480	14.0	2,079	19.6
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,361	14.4	2,009	21.3
1952-53 ..	8,409	19.8	3,569	8.3	1,703	4.0	1,917	4.5	130	0.3	2,704	6.4	4,751	11.2
1953-54 ..	9,474	16.8	5,769	10.2	1,552	2.7	2,658	4.7	446	0.8	6,736	11.9	9,840	17.4
1954-55 ..	10,289	14.8	7,377	10.5	1,824	2.6	3,236	4.6	614	0.9	9,468	13.5	13,318	19.0
1955-56 ..	11,174	16.4	(b)1,784	2.6	1,841	2.7	2,276	3.3	491	0.7	8,854	13.0	11,621	17.0
1956-57 ..	10,132	16.9	958	1.6	1,616	2.8	2,388	4.0	281	0.5	7,422	12.4	10,091	16.9
1957-58 ..	12,040	18.3	1,047	1.6	1,353	2.1	2,523	3.8	429	0.6	8,923	13.6	11,875	18.0
1958-59 ..	11,613	17.5	951	1.4	2,220	3.4	2,699	4.1	397	0.6	8,695	13.1	11,791	17.8
Monthly Total—														
1957-58—														
April ..	11,785	17.5	1,002	1.5	965	1.4	2,928	4.4	511	0.8	8,976	13.3	12,415	18.5
May ..	12,167	18.2	1,076	1.6	1,281	1.9	3,048	4.6	352	0.5	9,388	14.1	12,788	19.2
June ..	10,822	17.1	858	1.3	1,014	1.6	1,888	3.0	301	0.5	9,398	14.8	11,587	18.3
1958-59—														
July ..	10,141	15.9	750	1.2	3,471	5.4	2,814	4.4	403	0.7	7,895	12.4	11,112	17.5
August ..	13,657	18.7	1,030	1.4	514	0.7	3,414	4.7	538	0.7	10,510	14.6	14,462	20.0
September	11,821	18.0	991	1.5	920	1.4	2,931	4.5	399	0.6	9,651	14.7	12,981	19.8
October ..	11,083	16.9	1,156	1.7	1,624	2.5	2,635	4.1	312	0.5	8,847	13.7	11,794	18.2
November	12,004	17.8	870	1.3	624	0.9	2,626	3.9	301	0.4	9,073	13.2	12,000	17.5
December	10,879	17.6	966	1.6	832	1.3	2,291	3.7	361	0.6	7,771	12.6	10,423	16.9
January ..	12,507	16.8	1,087	1.5	1,220	1.6	2,916	3.9	510	0.7	9,305	12.6	12,731	17.2
February	10,445	17.8	784	1.3	2,188	3.8	2,696	4.6	467	0.8	7,405	12.8	10,568	18.2
March ..	10,704	18.2	912	1.5	3,763	6.4	2,529	4.3	458	0.8	7,403	12.6	10,390	17.7
April ..	13,485	18.5	1,123	1.5	4,460	6.6	2,179	3.0	490	0.7	9,623	13.0	12,292	16.7
May ..	10,481	16.6	661	1.1	2,610	4.1	2,748	4.4	264	0.4	7,850	12.5	10,862	17.3
June ..	12,151	17.5	1,078	1.5	4,415	6.4	2,608	3.8	262	0.4	8,929	12.8	11,799	17.0
1959-60 p—														
July ..	12,248	17.4	769	1.1	2,920	4.2	2,592	3.6	347	0.5	8,806	12.5	11,745	16.6
August ..	11,572	16.3	964	1.4	4,365	6.2	2,957	4.2	471	0.7	8,929	12.6	12,357	17.5
September	11,072	17.4	778	1.2	1,524	2.4	2,976	4.6	372	0.6	8,609	13.5	11,957	18.7
October ..	12,168	16.5	936	1.3	3,336	4.5	3,570	4.8	272	0.4	9,386	12.7	13,228	17.9
November	13,461	18.2	824	1.1	2,247	3.0	2,663	3.6	376	0.5	10,531	14.2	13,570	18.3
December	15,185	20.0	1,122	1.5	2,941	3.9	2,850	3.8	413	0.5	9,882	13.0	13,145	17.3
January ..	14,016	18.6	1,185	1.6	1,624	2.2	3,088	4.1	507	0.6	9,841	13.1	13,436	17.8
February	13,817	17.6	980	1.3	3,261	4.2	3,358	4.3	617	0.8	9,655	12.3	13,630	17.4
March ..	15,658	17.8	1,458	1.7	2,191	2.5	3,633	4.1	756	0.9	12,166	13.8	16,555	18.8
April ..	13,382	18.4	1,010	1.4	1,764	2.4	2,654	3.7	543	0.7	8,225	11.3	11,422	15.7
May ..	16,989	18.7	1,419	1.6	1,443	1.6	2,979	3.3	490	0.5	11,913	13.1	15,382	16.9

(a) Includes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page 17. (b) Prior to July, 1955, includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class 1c.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.) (a)			Finished Consumer Goods. (Class VI.) (b)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Total.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	1,024	373	2,362	45	303	1,530	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38 ..	1,241	449	3,031	48	300	1,731	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39 ..	1,100	351	2,553	55	309	1,645	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1952-53 ..	4,712	2,195	9,171	251	1,182	3,318	4,963	9,443	28,123	42,529
1953-54 ..	6,260	3,189	12,486	385	1,471	7,984	6,645	11,384	38,520	56,549
1954-55 ..	8,818	4,986	15,448	428	2,082	10,808	9,246	13,167	47,668	70,081
1955-56 ..	10,095	4,557	19,802	423	1,191	10,007	10,518	10,913	46,760	68,191
1956-57 ..	10,650	4,741	16,256	497	1,450	8,144	11,147	9,623	38,953	59,723
1957-58 ..	11,563	5,501	17,468	600	1,359	9,916	12,163	10,089	43,520	65,772
1958-59 ..	11,628	4,954	17,856	565	1,550	9,676	12,193	9,961	44,052	66,206
Monthly Total—										
1957-58—										
April ..	14,729	5,749	15,930	686	1,488	10,241	15,415	9,630	42,093	67,138
May ..	10,819	5,135	17,943	673	1,698	10,417	11,492	10,869	44,216	66,577
June ..	10,957	5,326	17,915	425	998	10,164	11,382	9,281	42,570	63,233
1958-59—										
July ..	13,226	4,844	16,066	517	1,742	8,853	13,743	9,224	40,838	63,805
August ..	9,869	6,143	22,180	544	2,266	11,652	10,413	11,762	50,672	72,847
September ..	10,969	4,947	17,832	534	1,922	10,525	11,503	10,499	43,535	65,537
October ..	10,253	5,495	17,564	622	1,290	9,882	10,875	10,702	43,897	65,474
November ..	12,642	4,585	18,921	537	1,517	9,946	13,179	9,776	44,567	67,522
December ..	12,808	4,498	16,528	499	1,151	8,773	13,307	8,641	39,958	61,906
January ..	15,987	5,495	19,383	581	1,623	10,527	16,568	11,299	46,527	74,394
February ..	10,597	3,939	14,995	555	1,498	8,495	11,152	9,063	38,329	58,544
March ..	8,986	4,053	15,413	724	1,444	8,222	9,710	8,694	40,460	58,864
April ..	10,084	5,310	20,235	494	1,175	10,623	10,578	10,644	51,860	73,082
May ..	12,838	4,378	16,947	486	1,586	8,790	13,324	8,821	40,920	63,065
June ..	11,277	5,757	18,205	688	1,385	9,726	11,965	10,412	46,971	69,348
1959-60 p—										
July ..	11,046	5,984	19,383	706	1,460	r9,579	11,752	11,413	r47,329	r70,494
August ..	11,017	5,054	19,471	693	1,653	r10,011	11,710	11,081	r47,969	r70,760
September ..	11,801	5,642	17,144	601	1,577	r9,766	12,402	9,575	r41,805	r63,782
October ..	14,549	5,796	18,293	840	1,330	r11,058	15,389	10,690	r47,730	r73,809
November ..	12,855	6,277	18,896	598	1,048	r11,924	13,453	10,833	r49,806	r74,092
December ..	12,611	5,811	20,071	501	1,518	r11,126	13,112	10,603	r52,279	r75,994
January ..	13,413	5,018	22,339	555	1,353	r11,528	13,968	8,864	r52,508	r75,340
February ..	12,594	6,177	20,537	855	1,560	r11,215	13,449	11,907	r52,968	r78,324
March ..	14,747	6,438	25,467	788	2,149	r13,618	15,535	12,275	r60,152	r87,962
April ..	10,793	5,724	21,908	570	1,428	r9,424	11,363	10,458	r50,846	r72,667
May ..	15,007	7,000	27,754	705	1,514	13,163	15,712	12,840	62,291	90,843

(a) See note (c) page 17.

(b) See note (a) page 18.

(c) See note (g) page 17.

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately transformed".

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Meats.	Butter.	Wheat and Flour.	Fresh Fruits.	Dried Fruits.	Sugar and Sugar Syrups.	Hides and Skins.	Wool.	Lead.	Total Exports of Merchandise.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37..	(a)861	734	2,029	165	172	309	609	5,209	402	12,316
1937-38..	(a)1,021	898	2,245	171	224	336	516	3,915	409	11,719
1938-39..	(a)982	1,074	1,106	169	239	348	342	3,561	356	10,128
1952-53..	5,481	1,675	7,449	791	669	1,805	1,677	33,576	2,116	70,708
1953-54..	4,817	1,338	5,053	782	616	2,639	1,620	34,202	2,004	67,655
1954-55..	5,291	2,049	5,461	731	703	2,604	1,642	29,426	2,070	63,170
1955-56..	5,039	2,414	5,513	762	650	2,070	1,740	28,127	2,106	64,236
1956-57..	4,250	2,152	6,811	715	549	2,407	2,022	40,310	2,684	81,083
1957-58..	4,602	1,303	3,570	1,089	762	2,919	2,116	31,116	1,829	67,525
1958-59..	8,100	2,079	4,309	785	1,062	2,687	1,964	25,187	1,580	67,226
Monthly Total—										
1957-58—										
April ..	3,447	424	2,220	3,183	1,000	1,272	1,417	22,495	1,869	52,861
May ..	4,346	570	2,661	4,525	2,062	760	1,491	25,173	995	64,338
June ..	5,181	933	2,574	2,463	1,194	280	1,334	20,484	1,859	54,434
1958-59—										
July ..	7,413	1,104	3,896	335	1,973	2,345	1,672	22,321	1,731	61,434
August ..	6,613	840	3,500	209	2,056	3,276	1,763	10,577	1,122	47,245
September ..	6,158	1,586	3,844	95	1,595	4,961	2,032	17,446	1,480	55,689
October ..	9,004	2,946	4,352	163	901	5,054	1,819	28,912	1,875	73,971
November ..	8,973	2,243	2,253	140	309	2,144	1,782	26,642	1,998	66,196
December ..	9,443	3,610	4,263	19	184	3,230	1,916	33,262	1,500	75,655
January ..	9,183	3,312	4,500	14	40	1,727	1,714	25,112	1,725	66,909
February ..	8,463	3,591	6,478	153	23	2,298	1,912	26,911	2,030	73,546
March ..	7,952	1,173	3,993	1,038	87	1,984	1,689	28,048	1,034	66,413
April ..	7,548	1,660	4,720	2,569	970	2,499	2,202	26,074	1,591	72,247
May ..	7,170	1,794	3,771	3,439	2,021	2,153	2,423	30,911	1,664	76,667
June ..	9,283	1,097	6,143	1,239	2,589	577	2,648	26,027	1,213	70,733
1959-60 p—										
July ..	r7,374	1,637	r5,478	r228	r1,857	r892	r2,977	r27,132	717	r66,475
August ..	r11,875	1,200	6,675	254	1,427	r2,999	r3,164	r15,595	r1,421	r63,957
September ..	r8,256	2,082	r6,619	48	r1,243	1,722	3,331	r22,494	r732	r68,688
October ..	r7,913	r2,886	4,388	r214	r1,308	4,213	2,801	35,780	r1,700	r83,694
November ..	r7,591	5,040	r6,912	128	r225	2,861	r2,496	r39,035	r2,094	r86,764
December ..	r7,844	r4,147	r5,943	104	156	r513	r2,893	r49,478	r1,623	r96,093
January ..	r6,142	r4,130	r6,134	r46	r68	2,318	r1,903	r33,518	747	r73,044
February ..	r5,683	r2,602	r9,652	r216	r97	1,655	r2,356	r35,360	r1,531	r79,064
March ..	r5,326	r1,875	r8,340	r1,210	222	r2,615	r2,359	r39,376	r1,670	r87,940
April ..	r5,127	r818	r5,161	r2,445	r625	r2,855	r2,096	r29,525	r458	r69,988
May ..	6,312	1,063	4,550	2,840	770	2,098	2,705	28,573	1,858	71,701

(a) Includes soups.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1000.)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)						Queensland : Ordinary Shares. (b) (c)		
	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	4 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	4 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 34 Miscellaneous).	34 Active shares in- cluded in foregoing. (d)	7 Industrials.	11 Financial and Trading.	18 Shares (total of foregoing).
1936-37	989	1,059	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026	1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38	1,012	1,008	1,053	983	1,009	1,011	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39	999	933	841	965	969	963	980	989	984
1954-55	1,943	1,885	1,555	2,184	1,626	1,598	1,695	1,434	1,575
1955-56	2,038	2,178	1,751	2,142	1,726	1,649	1,726	1,475	1,612
1956-57	2,031	1,960	1,807	2,489	1,707	1,653	1,714	1,467	1,600
1957-58	2,188	1,972	1,886	2,827	1,836	1,803	1,846	1,500	1,687
1958-59	2,411	2,002	1,597	3,117	1,966	1,978	1,950	1,452	1,722
1957-58—									
May	2,163	1,944	1,723	2,910	1,812	1,776	1,858	1,446	1,669
June	2,200	1,926	1,738	2,924	1,838	1,816	1,886	1,450	1,686
1958-59—									
July	2,260	1,931	1,677	2,965	1,861	1,842	1,962	1,452	1,728
August	2,317	1,978	1,631	2,959	1,900	1,881	1,959	1,439	1,720
September ..	2,331	1,989	1,655	2,923	1,914	1,892	1,949	1,434	1,713
October	2,297	1,931	1,564	2,878	1,868	1,865	1,901	1,440	1,690
November ..	2,318	1,934	1,554	2,927	1,883	1,902	1,907	1,437	1,691
December ..	2,378	1,939	1,536	2,995	1,914	1,932	1,901	1,450	1,694
January	2,429	2,036	1,522	3,093	1,967	1,982	1,934	1,471	1,721
February ..	2,457	2,083	1,564	3,155	1,998	2,026	1,959	1,494	1,745
March	2,432	2,022	1,511	3,221	1,984	1,995	1,966	1,465	1,736
April	2,499	2,029	1,636	3,329	2,045	2,062	1,941	1,428	1,706
May	2,570	2,058	1,675	3,435	2,102	2,145	1,974	1,448	1,733
June	2,642	2,094	1,635	3,521	2,156	2,209	2,047	1,469	1,781
1959-60—									
July	2,735	2,248	1,708	3,636	2,271	2,349	(c)	(c)	(c)
August	2,916	2,428	1,965	3,778	2,440	2,482			
September ..	3,042	2,562	2,345	3,886	2,560	2,613			
October	3,159	2,662	2,362	4,210	2,668	2,713			
November ..	3,091	2,586	2,242	4,290	2,639	2,667			
December ..	3,116	2,590	2,230	4,160	2,643	2,662			
January	3,302	2,880	2,351	4,230	2,813	2,821			
February ..	3,349	2,897	2,666	4,325	2,887	2,904			
March	3,247	2,797	2,637	4,467	2,825	2,828			
April	3,359	2,814	2,683	4,528	2,878	2,884			
May	3,434	2,932	2,686	4,596	2,964	2,967			

(a) Converted from original base, par values. The index numbers relate to the prices of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks) whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies. (b) Converted from original base, April, 1928. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of sixteen representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of two companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. (c) Index temporarily suspended pending revision. (d) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. In general the index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity, but average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
											Excl. Gold.	Incl. Gold.
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate (1936-37 to 1938-39)	45.63 49.05	17.06 18.34	11.36 12.21	6.83 7.34	6.63 7.13	2.40 2.58	1.81 1.94	0.64 0.69	0.66 0.72	6.98 ..	100.00 100.00	100.00 ..
1936-37 ..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	115
1937-38 ..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	102
1938-39 ..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1951-52 ..	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495	473
1952-53 ..	616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505	483
1953-54 ..	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	474
1954-55 ..	538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	431
1955-56 ..	464	324	320	562	355	450	286	353	238	178	414	397
1956-57 ..	578	327	250	545	368	501	319	357	240	178	464	444
1957-58 ..	471	357	218	398	333	518	341	368	240	178	400	385
1958-59 ..	362	350	230	386	394	475	p382	367	335	178	p351	p339
1957-58—												
May ..	392	367	162	369	364	485	339	373	241	178	356	344
June ..	400	369	166	377	368	477	347	375	239	178	361	348
1958-59—												
July ..	(e) 400	366	178	371	351	481	351	384	228	178	361	348
August ..	354	369	190	369	370	477	363	375	234	178	342	330
September ..	354	363	190	372	393	476	370	383	250	178	343	332
October ..	336	363	195	391	405	473	385	382	270	178	337	326
November ..	339	355	222	404	407	477	390	378	273	178	342	330
December ..	328	353	242	389	404	470	391	375	285	178	337	326
January ..	321	347	250	390	408	490	(e) 391	372	287	178	334	323
February ..	339	336	250	384	387	474	(e) 391	360	341	178	339	328
March ..	347	336	249	385	382	477	(e) 391	357	428	178	343	331
April ..	415	337	249	382	393	473	p387	348	521	178	p377	p364
May ..	415	339	262	396	402	477	p388	347	456	178	p381	p367
June ..	400	336	287	401	429	458	p387	341	452	178	p378	p364
1959-60—												
July ..	(e) 407	332	312	402	439	437	p387	327	464	178	p384	p370
August ..	445	340	336	418	411	461	p365	324	461	178	p406	p390
September ..	430	331	350	420	376	438	p360	309	440	178	p396	p380
October ..	430	330	359	431	(f)	440	p359	307	395	178	p398	p382
November ..	422	333	367	437	(f)	458	p358	304	312	178	p395	p380
December ..	437	333	367	436	(f)	458	p356	307	334	178	p405	p389
January ..	437	333	355	435	(f)	455	p327	300	345	178	p405	p389
February ..	415	331	310	427	(f)	448	p330	293	346	178	p389	p374
March ..	415	331	276	432	(f)	458	p332	279	345	178	p385	p371
April ..	430	333	248	438	(f)	454	p335	283	322	178	p391	p376
May ..	415	332	248	437	(f)	461	p324	286	316	178	p382	p368

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative.
 (c) Sultanas, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Nominal. (f) Actual prices realized not yet fully known;
 provisional series are included in "All Groups" Indexes.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Group indexes in the table on page 22 show the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export, and comprises 46 per cent. of the base aggregate of the index, fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effect on the All Groups Index of movements in prices of the other components. "Wool" and "Other Groups" are shown separately below.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
1947-48	287	280	283	1953-54	615	356	474
1948-49	365	305	332	1954-55	538	342	431
1949-50	473	308	383	1955-56	464	342	397
1950-51	999	365	654	1956-57	578	331	444
1951-52	564	397	473	1957-58	471	313	385
1952-53	616	371	483	1958-59	362	p320	p339

Month.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
	1954-55.			1955-56.			1956-57.		
July	(a)622	338	468	(a)505	347	419	490	330	403
August	566	338	442	453	347	395	520	330	417
September	566	339	442	437	347	388	566	336	441
October	536	344	431	437	351	390	551	332	432
November	513	343	421	437	352	391	581	331	445
December	532	348	432	453	352	398	588	329	447
January	520	345	425	460	349	400	596	330	451
February	528	342	427	460	340	395	611	330	458
March	528	341	426	453	335	388	596	329	451
April	520	340	422	468	325	390	618	331	462
May	520	340	422	498	323	403	626	333	467
June	505	343	417	(a)505	331	411	596	332	452

	1957-58.			1958-59.			1959-60.		
July	(a)596	327	450	(a)400	304	348	(a)407	p338	p370
August	551	331	431	354	310	330	445	p344	p390
September	543	328	426	354	312	332	430	p339	p380
October	498	323	403	336	318	326	430	p343	p382
November	483	315	391	339	323	330	422	p344	p380
December	445	305	369	328	324	326	437	p349	p389
January	453	306	373	321	325	323	437	p349	p389
February	468	303	378	339	318	328	415	p340	p374
March	422	304	358	347	319	331	415	p334	p371
April	400	301	346	415	p321	p364	430	p331	p376
May	392	303	344	415	p327	p367	415	p329	p368
June	400	306	348	400	p334	p364			

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the general trend of export prices, but do not take account of the relative quantities actually sold at the prices ruling in particular months. The "changing weights" index numbers, shown below, take account of this factor. In computing these, the weights used are the quantities actually exported (sold in some cases) in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are:—

All Groups.			Month of May.		Eleven months ended May.	
			1959.	1960.	1959.	1960.
Excluding Wool .. ..	..	..	100	p101	100	p108
Including Wool .. ..	..	..	100	p100	100	p115

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Basic Materials & Foodstuffs.			
	Metals and Coal. (a)	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco. (c)	Goods principally Imported (b)	Goods principally Home Produced. (c)	Total All Groups. (c)
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98	99
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	102	101	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100	100
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	276	288	300	297
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	293	292	331	319
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	308	271	339	319
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	315	277	340	322
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	325	292	352	334
1956-57 ..	409	241	520	344	302	463	367	324	311	357	344
1957-58 ..	398	238	437	349	280	453	355	325	301	355	339
1958-59 ..	392	231	362	327	293	423	340	332	283	358	336
1957-58—											
May ..	393	236	384	346	263	420	343	330	290	355	336
June ..	394	236	387	346	254	420	343	332	290	357	337
1958-59—											
July ..	394	231	387	327	249	420	339	332	285	357	336
August ..	394	231	358	327	244	420	338	338	285	360	338
September ..	394	231	358	327	244	432	340	337	283	361	338
October ..	394	231	341	327	243	432	339	330	282	356	334
November..	394	232	344	327	254	425	338	326	282	352	332
December..	390	231	337	327	267	420	336	322	282	348	328
January ..	391	231	333	327	263	422	336	320	280	347	327
February ..	392	231	346	327	284	422	338	328	281	354	332
March ..	390	232	353	327	326	422	340	341	282	365	340
April ..	390	232	398	327	410	422	346	340	282	368	343
May ..	387	232	402	327	371	422	344	336	284	363	340
June ..	388	232	392	327	361	422	343	338	284	364	340
1959-60—											
July ..	385	231	392	330	394	422	343	340	282	366	342
August ..	388	230	417	330	411	422	346	343	281	371	345
September ..	388	223	405	330	414	425	345	339	276	369	342
October ..	388	223	404	328	375	425	343	339	277	367	341
November..	390	223	399	328	360	425	342	335	279	363	338
December..	389	223	411	328	359	433	344	338	280	366	341
January ..	399	223	411	333	375	433	348	344	282	372	346
February ..	402	223	394	333	395	433	349	343	283	372	346
March ..	403	224	395	333	387	438	351	347	283	376	349
April ..	403	224	405	332	378	439	351	359	283	386	355
May ..	403	224	399	331	353	439	349	367	283	390	359

(a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding Coal and Briquettes was 437 for May, 1960. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in prices of all imports. (c) NOTE.—During 1956 these indexes were reconstructed from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For May, 1960, index numbers for these groups comparable with the previous indexes including potatoes and onions were: "Foodstuffs and Tobacco," 365; "Goods Principally Home Produced," 389; "Total All Groups," 358.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the respective countries. For the United Kingdom and France the current indexes are not available on a pre-war base.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Australia.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Canada	United States of America.	Sweden.	United Kingdom.		France.	India.
	(a)				(b)	(b)	(c)	(d)		
1936-37 ..	99	96	97	101	104	98	Base : 30th June, 1949 = 100.		Base : 1949 = 100.	Base : 1938-39 (e) = 100.
1937-38 ..	101	102	103	104	101	103				
1938-39 ..	100	102	100	95	95	99				
1955-56 ..	334	253	283	217	212	290	155	133	139	373
1956-57 ..	344	262	285	222	220	296	158	138	143	424
1957-58 ..	339	264	289	222	225	295	(f)145	(f)141	161	429
1958-59 ..	336	(g) 275	288	224	226	290	137	142	170	438
1959-60—										
July ..	342	276	288	226	226	290	138	142	172	451
Aug. ..	345		288	225	225	292	141	142	174	453
Sept. ..	342		288	225	226	294	141	142	176	457
Oct. ..	341	272	287	225	225	296	141	143	178	463
Nov. ..	338		289	225	225	298	141	143	178	461
Dec. ..	341		291	224	225		142	143	179	461
Jan. ..	346	272	293	p225	226		143	143	181	467
Feb. ..	346		290	p225	226		142	143	p179	470
Mar. ..	349			p224	227		143	p143		469
Apr. ..	355			p226	227		p143	p144		
May ..	359				226		p143	p144		

(a) See note (c), page 24.

(b) Current series linked to former series as at January, 1947 for U.S.A. and 1955-56 for Sweden.

(c) Basic materials (excluding fuel) used in non-food manufacturing industry. (d) All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco.

(e) Year ended August, 1939.

(f) From January, 1958, the index numbers reflect the movement of the nearest equivalent index in a new series of indexes on base 1954 = 100.

(g) New index of "Prices paid for commodities used by Domestic Industry and Consumers", linked to former index at 1958.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

Period.		Australia.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Canada.	United States of America.	United Kingdom.
		(b)					
1936-37 ..	..	97.3	96	97	98	100	Base :
1937-38 ..	..	99.8	101	101	102	101	17th June,
1938-39 ..	..	102.9	103	102	100	99	1947 = 100
		A B					(c)
1955-56 ..	..	274.2 277.4	206	209	186	190	154
1956-57 ..	..	286.2 290.9	213	212	191	196	159
1957-58 ..	..	292.5 291.5	217	221	197	202	166
1958-59 ..	..	299.5 298.9	231	226	200	205	168
1959-60—							
July ..	..	305.3 305.0	234	227	200	207	167
August ..	..			227	201	207	168
September ..	..			227	202	207	167
October ..	..	308.4 308.1	233	227	203	208	168
November ..	..			228	204	208	169
December ..	..			228	203	208	169
January ..	..	311.6 310.8	232	228	203	208	169
February ..	..			228	202	208	169
March ..	..			229	202	208	168

(a) For bases of series for the United Kingdom, see note (c).

(b) The index in column "A" excludes, and that in column "B" includes, the price movement of potatoes and onions as from (and including) September Quarter, 1955.

(c) Series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100 cannot be linked to former series. From February, 1956, the index numbers are a conversion of a new series compiled originally on base 17th January, 1956 = 100.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX AND WAGE RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this page and page 29 the index numbers have been converted arithmetically to the base Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000, in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.			"C" Series Retail Price Index: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.						Weekly Wage Rate Indexes : Six States.			
			Food and Groceries. (a)		Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	All Groups. (a)		Nominal Rates, Adult Males.	"Real" Wage, Adult Males. (a)(b)	
1936-37	..	..	963		968	976	996	973		949	976	
1937-38	..	..	989		1,001	1,006	1,003	998		1,007	1,009	
1938-39	..	..	1,048		1,031	1,018	1,001	1,029		1,044	1,015	
1952-53	..	..	2,950		1,194	3,893	2,124	2,550		3,104	1,217	
1953-54	..	..	3,073		1,255	3,938	2,148	2,622		3,207	1,223	
1954-55	..	..	3,098		1,309	3,940	2,145	2,644		3,249	1,229	
1955-56	..	..	A 3,265	B 3,354	1,377	3,968	2,230	A 2,742	B 2,774	(c) 3,362	A 1,226	B 1,212
1956-57	..	..	3,395	3,528	1,458	4,043	2,423	2,862	2,909	(c) 3,536	1,236	1,216
1957-58	..	..	3,424	3,396	1,527	4,147	2,497	2,925	2,915	3,605	1,233	1,231
1958-59	..	..	3,492	3,477	1,621	4,192	2,565	2,995	2,989	3,681	1,229	1,232
1955-56—												
December	Quarter		3,239	3,308	1,337	3,971	2,218	2,721	2,746	3,345	1,229	1,218
March	"		3,262	3,348	1,415	3,965	2,227	2,748	2,780	(c) 3,369	1,226	1,212
June	"		3,343	3,495	1,425	3,971	2,305	2,797	2,851	(c) 3,436	1,228	1,205
1956-57—												
September	Quarter		3,394	3,712	1,436	3,985	2,369	2,832	2,946	(c) 3,480	1,229	1,181
December	"		3,380	3,559	1,446	4,024	2,418	2,849	2,913	(c) 3,543	1,244	1,216
March	"		3,401	3,412	1,465	4,062	2,435	2,872	2,876	(c) 3,539	1,232	1,231
June	"		3,406	3,429	1,483	4,100	2,468	2,893	2,901	(c) 3,583	1,239	1,235
1957-58—												
September	Quarter		3,417	3,403	1,500	4,114	2,488	2,907	2,903	3,594	1,236	1,238
December	"		3,381	3,350	1,512	4,139	2,498	2,905	2,893	3,595	1,238	1,243
March	"		3,446	3,419	1,525	4,148	2,500	2,933	2,923	3,594	1,225	1,230
June	"		3,453	3,412	1,571	4,186	2,501	2,955	2,940	3,638	1,231	1,237
1958-59—												
September	Quarter		3,452	3,410	1,594	4,188	2,525	2,966	2,950	3,652	1,231	1,238
December	"		3,475	3,458	1,614	4,192	2,579	2,991	2,984	3,655	1,222	1,225
March	"		3,498	3,509	1,631	4,181	2,578	3,000	3,003	3,668	1,223	1,221
June	"		3,542	3,531	1,646	4,205	2,577	3,024	3,019	3,753	1,241	1,243
1959-60—												
September	Quarter		3,592	3,583	1,667	4,224	2,589	3,053	3,050	3,778	1,237	1,239
December	"		3,627	3,616	1,692	4,284	2,597	3,084	3,081			
March	"		3,696	3,672	1,712	4,293	2,603	3,116	3,108			

(a) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.
weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series retail price index number.

(b) Index of nominal wages.
(c) Partly estimated.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The list of items covered by the Interim Index is representative of a high proportion of expenditure of wage earner households. It is more comprehensive than that of the "C" Series Index and some of the principal food weights and group weights differ substantially from those used in the "C" Series Index. The weighting pattern and the list of component items of the "C" Series Index relate to the pre-war pattern of wage earner expenditure and consumption, whilst those of the Interim Index relate to the consumption pattern of 1950-53.

(Base of each Group : Year 1952-53 = 100.)

Period.	Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.							
	Food.(a)		Clothing and Drapery.	Rent.	Other Items.	All Groups.(a)		
	A	B				A	B	
Year ended June—								
1953	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
1954	102.8	103.7	101.6	105.0	100.9	102.2	102.5	
1955	104.8	104.6	102.4	109.6	101.4	103.7	103.6	
1956	108.1	110.6	103.3	115.5	106.4	107.0	108.0	
1957	112.4	115.8	105.8	122.5	117.8	113.0	114.3	
1958	114.0	113.7	109.2	128.4	120.2	115.7	115.6	
1959	115.8	115.9	110.4	136.5	123.9	118.4	118.5	
Quarter ended—								
1958—June ..	114.9	114.4	110.2	132.2	120.4	116.7	116.5	
September ..	114.7	114.2	110.3	134.2	121.4	117.1	116.9	
December ..	115.1	115.1	110.5	136.0	124.5	118.3	118.3	
1959—March ..	116.1	116.7	110.3	137.4	124.7	118.8	119.0	
June ..	117.4	117.6	110.7	138.6	125.2	119.7	119.7	
September ..	118.2	118.5	111.1	140.6	125.8	120.4	120.5	
December ..	118.7	118.9	112.4	142.8	126.9	121.4	121.5	
1960—March ..	120.8	120.8	112.8	144.5	127.4	122.6	122.6	

(a) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, potatoes and onions.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, etc., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1957-58 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products Other than Wool.
1936-37	114	115	93	109	126	104
1937-38	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938-39	88	87	105	92	79	96
1950-51	291	818	258	505	1,098	308
1951-52	355	501	332	410	552	363
1952-53	364	531	387	440	623	379
1953-54	324	534	395	429	621	365
1954-55	316	489	371	401	540	355
1955-56	330	451	392	397	468	373
1956-57	336	536	386	432	607	374
1957-58	336	435	382	388	473	359
1958-59p.. ..	325	385	395	368	369	367

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

COMPARISON OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Export Price Index—All Groups.			Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index.		Retail Price Indexes—All Groups.(b) (Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.)					
	Excluding Wool.	Excluding Gold.	Total.	Basic Materials.	All Groups. (a)	" C " Series Index.(c)				Interim Index.(d)	
								Base : 1952-53 = 100 (Arithmetically con- verted for comparison.)		Base : 1952-53 = 100	
1936-37 ..	108	116	115	99	99	97.3					
1937-38 ..	105	102	102	102	101	99.8					
1938-39 ..	87	82	83	99	100	102.9					
1951-52 ..	397	495	473	321	297	233.7		91.7		91.4	
1952-53 ..	371	505	483	350	319	255.0		100.0		100.0	100.0
1953-54 ..	356	496	474	332	319	262.2		102.8		102.2	102.2
1954-55 ..	342	450	431	330	322	264.4		103.7		103.7	103.7
1955-56 ..	342	414	397	345	334	A 274.2	B 277.4	A 107.5	B 108.8	107.0	108.8
1956-57 ..	331	464	444	367	344	286.2	290.9	112.2	114.1	113.0	114.1
1957-58 ..	313	400	385	355	339	292.5	291.5	114.7	114.3	115.7	115.7
1958-59 ..	p320	p351	p339	340	336	299.5	298.9	117.5	117.2	118.4	118.4
1957-58—											
April ..	301	358	346	351	335	} 295.5	294.0	115.9	115.3	116.7	116.7
May ..	303	356	344	343	336						
June ..	306	361	348	343	337						
1958-59—											
July ..	304	361	348	339	336	} 296.6	295.0	116.3	115.7	117.1	116.7
August ..	310	342	330	338	338						
September ..	312	343	332	340	338						
October ..	318	337	326	339	334	} 299.1	298.4	117.3	117.0	118.3	118.3
November ..	323	342	330	338	332						
December ..	324	337	326	336	328						
January ..	325	334	323	336	327	} 300.0	300.3	117.7	117.8	118.8	119.7
February ..	318	339	328	338	332						
March ..	319	343	331	340	340						
April ..	p321	p377	p364	346	343	} 302.4	301.9	118.6	118.4	119.7	119.7
May ..	p327	p381	p367	344	340						
June ..	p334	p378	p364	343	340						
1959-60—											
July ..	p338	p384	p370	343	342	} 305.3	305.0	119.7	119.6	120.4	120.4
August ..	p344	p406	p390	346	345						
September ..	p339	p396	p380	345	342						
October ..	p343	p398	p382	343	341	} 308.4	308.1	121.0	120.8	121.4	121.4
November ..	p344	p395	p380	342	338						
December ..	p349	p405	p389	344	341						
January ..	p349	p405	p389	348	346	} 311.6	310.8	122.2	121.9	122.6	122.6
February ..	p340	p389	p374	349	346						
March ..	p334	p385	p371	351	349						
April ..	p331	p391	p376	351	355						
May ..	p329	p382	p368	349	359						

(a) See note (c) page 24. (b) Indexes in columns " A " exclude, and those in columns " B " include, the price movement of potatoes and onions. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (d) See note at head of page 27.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK.

(Adult Males.)

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals or Six States.
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COMMONWEALTH BASIC WAGE (METROPOLITAN).

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1958—														
30th September (a) ..	268	0	260	0	243	0	256	0	261	0	267	0	261	0
31st December ..	268	0	260	0	243	0	256	0	261	0	267	0	261	0
1959—														
31st March.. ..	268	0	260	0	243	0	256	0	261	0	267	0	261	0
30th June(b) ..	283	0	275	0	258	0	271	0	276	0	282	0	276	0
30th September ..	283	0	275	0	258	0	271	0	276	0	282	0	276	0
31st December ..	283	0	275	0	258	0	271	0	276	0	282	0	276	0
1960—														
31st March	283	0	275	0	258	0	271	0	276	0	282	0	276	0
30th June	283	0	275	0	258	0	271	0	276	0	282	0	276	0

STATE BASIC WAGE (METROPOLITAN).

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1958—														
30th September ..	274	0	(d) 263	0	(e) 254	0	(f) 256	0	(g) 272	3	272	0	..	
31st December ..	273	0	263	0	(h) 256	0	256	0	(h) 273	5	272	0	..	
1959—														
31st March.. ..	275	0	263	0	(i) 260	0	256	0	273	5	272	0	..	
30th June	276	0	*275	0	(j) 263	0	(k) 271	0	(j) 275	1	272	0	..	
30th September ..	277	0	275	0	263	0	271	0	(l) 278	7	†282	0	..	
31st December ..	279	0	275	0	(m) 267	0	271	0	(m) 281	6	282	0	..	
1960—														
31st March	283	0	275	0	(n) 269	0	271	0	281	6	282	0	..	
30th June	285	0	275	0	(o) 271	0	271	0	(o) 286	4	282	0	..	

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE.‡

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1958—														
30th June	329	1	319	1	310	8	312	0	319	6	322	8	321	4
30th September ..	329	2	319	7	315	8	312	3	322	8	322	8	322	5
31st December ..	328	8	319	8	317	8	312	4	324	0	323	3	322	8
1959—														
31st March.. ..	329	10	320	1	320	11	312	7	324	0	324	3	323	9
30th June	337	6	330	6	326	7	327	7	327	1	332	9	332	3
30th September ..	338	2	334	1	327	3	327	9	330	2	336	6	334	0
31st December ..	349	0	343	9	334	1	339	1	339	7	345	10	343	10
1960—														
31st March	r353	1	348	9	338	6	340	4	343	11	346	9	r347	11

WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK.§

31st March, 1960 ..	39.95	39.97	39.98	39.96	39.89	39.97	39.96

Payable as from :—(a) Beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 21st May, 1958. (b) Beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 11th June, 1959. (c) Beginning of first pay-period in month prior to that shown. (d) Beginning of first pay-period in August, 1956. (e) 24th July, 1958. (f) 26th May, 1958. (g) 4th August, 1958. (h) 27th October, 1958. (i) 2nd February, 1959. (j) 27th April, 1959. (k) 15th June, 1959. (l) 27th July, 1959. (m) 26th October, 1959. (n) 1st February, 1960. (o) 2nd May, 1960.

* During June and July, 1959, Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate. † Most Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate from July, 1959. ‡ For a full week's work (excluding overtime). Excludes Rural. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms, indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. § Excludes Rural and Shipping and Stevedoring. Except in Tasmania, there has been no change in weighted average standard weekly hours since September, 1953.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.(a)

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 75 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment), from other direct collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the Defence Forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.			New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).									
1952-53	..	..	15,422	10,816	4,868	3,357	2,492	1,199	38,154
1953-54	..	..	16,480	11,767	5,227	3,615	2,754	1,305	41,148
1954-55	..	..	17,970	12,901	5,601	3,940	2,928	1,399	44,739
1955-56	..	..	19,764	14,144	6,033	4,330	3,104	1,521	48,896
1956-57	..	..	20,943	14,925	6,457	4,507	3,177	1,635	51,644
1957-58	..	..	21,664	15,510	6,585	4,635	3,284	1,671	53,349
1958-59	..	..	22,414	16,240	6,970	4,823	3,347	1,725	55,519
1957-58—									
March	Quarter	..	20,630	14,789	6,091	4,480	3,116	1,653	50,759
June	..	..	21,995	15,831	6,764	4,668	3,350	1,778	54,386
1958-59—									
September	..	..	22,129	15,827	6,983	4,777	3,392	1,648	54,756
December	..	..	23,601	16,970	7,387	4,984	3,494	1,798	58,234
March	..	..	21,185	15,377	6,501	4,599	3,122	1,666	52,450
June	..	..	22,740	16,787	7,010	4,930	3,381	1,790	56,638
1959-60—									
September	..	..	23,445	17,397	7,364	5,270	3,537	1,756	58,769
December	..	..	25,351	18,442	7,558	5,443	3,693	1,883	62,370
March	..	..	23,761	17,680	7,031	5,308	3,489	1,832	59,101

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(d)

1952-53	..	..	15.96	15.71	14.17	15.17	14.69	14.80	15.45
1953-54	..	..	16.69	16.64	14.98	15.87	15.59	15.78	16.26
1954-55	..	..	17.64	17.59	15.58	16.83	16.11	16.54	17.13
1955-56	..	..	18.92	18.78	16.49	17.88	16.92	17.75	18.28
1956-57	..	..	19.89	19.70	17.50	18.28	17.48	18.79	19.16
1957-58	..	..	20.44	20.22	17.94	18.68	18.05	18.95	19.67
1958-59	..	..	21.04	20.69	18.64	19.10	18.19	19.33	20.19
1957-58—									
March	Quarter	..	19.43	19.14	16.76	18.01	17.10	18.58	18.68
June	..	..	20.70	20.49	18.22	18.79	18.30	19.76	19.93
1958-59—									
September	..	..	20.83	20.52	18.53	19.17	18.50	18.61	20.05
December	..	..	22.11	21.85	19.72	19.89	18.97	20.22	21.23
March	..	..	19.88	19.44	17.50	18.14	16.95	18.53	19.03
June	..	..	21.32	20.97	18.78	19.20	18.33	19.96	20.44
1959-60—									
September	..	..	21.91	21.72	19.60	20.39	19.19	19.82	21.15
December	..	..	23.41	22.80	20.30	20.91	19.91	20.97	22.28
March	..	..	21.72	21.58	18.89	20.18	18.78	20.08	20.92

(a) Includes salaries. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory. (d) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and, because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by local government authorities. Excluding government buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 33.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Value.	Value.
Monthly Average—		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1936-37(a) ..	1,122	1,104	154	474	1,276	1,578	408	1,986
1937-38(a) ..	1,394	1,413	147	472	1,541	1,885	422	2,307
1938-39(a) ..	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1951-52(b) ..	2,736	6,703	164	1,269	2,900	7,972	1,727	9,699
1952-53.. ..	2,506	6,472	302	1,739	2,808	8,211	1,829	10,040
1953-54.. ..	2,663	7,748	327	2,537	2,990	10,285	2,071	12,356
1954-55(c) ..	3,673	11,245	377	4,054	4,050	15,299	2,593	17,892
1955-56.. ..	3,361	11,040	336	4,994	3,697	16,034	2,847	18,881
1956-57.. ..	3,114	10,496	327	4,252	3,441	14,748	2,653	17,401
1957-58.. ..	3,451	11,973	353	4,265	3,804	16,238	2,922	19,160
1958-59.. ..	3,538	12,780	379	5,538	3,917	18,318	3,338	21,656
Monthly Total—								
1957-58—								
May	3,679	12,726	419	5,197	4,098	17,923	2,955	20,878
June	3,639	12,705	401	5,391	4,040	18,096	3,308	21,404
1958-59—								
July	4,411	15,447	466	7,161	4,877	22,608	3,642	26,250
August ..	3,459	12,432	425	6,540	3,884	18,972	3,311	22,283
September ..	4,115	14,586	408	4,563	4,523	19,149	3,761	22,910
October ..	3,839	13,500	420	5,384	4,259	18,884	3,303	22,187
November ..	3,523	12,997	347	3,962	3,870	16,959	3,000	19,959
December ..	2,787	9,928	330	4,015	3,117	13,943	2,563	16,506
January ..	2,712	10,176	266	3,747	2,978	13,923	2,092	16,015
February ..	3,440	12,697	326	4,395	3,766	17,092	3,103	20,195
March	3,317	11,998	349	6,695	3,666	18,693	2,658	21,351
April	3,772	13,585	365	6,277	4,137	19,862	3,633	23,495
May	3,366	11,975	399	7,507	3,765	19,482	5,069	24,551
June	3,723	14,031	444	6,210	4,167	20,241	3,924	24,165
1959-60—								
July	4,146	14,918	459	5,740	4,605	20,658	3,666	24,324
August ..	3,905	15,147	507	6,251	4,412	21,398	3,752	25,150
September ..	4,099	16,056	447	5,951	4,546	22,007	4,145	26,152
October ..	4,031	15,104	422	10,309	4,453	25,413	3,907	29,320
November ..	4,310	16,758	374	4,064	4,684	20,822	3,809	24,631
December ..	2,980	12,072	315	4,968	3,295	17,040	4,275	21,315
January ..	3,160	12,737	271	5,447	3,431	18,184	3,671	21,855
February ..	3,950	15,523	313	4,814	4,263	20,337	3,499	23,836
March	4,823	21,252	511	6,994	5,334	28,246	5,489	33,735
April	3,551	14,523	322	5,722	3,873	20,245	3,812	24,057
May	4,587	21,592	369	11,021	4,956	32,613	4,811	37,424

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (b) From July, 1947, includes additional areas in the metropolitan area of Melbourne. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (c) From July, 1954, includes additional areas in the metropolitan areas of Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

For meaning of symbol r, —, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Australia.			New South Wales.			Victoria.		
	Government.	Private. (a)		Government. (b)	Private.		Government.	Private.	
	Common-wealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas.	Common-wealth and State.	Sydney Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note A.	Common-wealth and State.	Melbourne Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note B.
Monthly Average—									
1936-37 ..	n.a.	(c)1,986	(d)627	n.a.	848	416	n.a.	667	62
1937-38 ..	n.a.	(c)2,307	(d)764	n.a.	1,093	506	n.a.	669	78
1938-39 ..	408	(c)2,353	(d)755	187	1,111	495	107	702	63
1954-55 ..	(e)5,936	(f)17,892	(g)8,365	2,461	(h)6,340	(i)3,550	1,779	(f)5,598	(j)1,812
1955-56 ..	5,845	18,881	9,020	2,399	6,742	3,365	1,559	6,163	2,240
1956-57 ..	5,279	17,401	8,862	2,467	6,365	3,323	1,432	5,648	1,991
1957-58 ..	6,167	19,160	9,862	2,676	6,961	3,967	1,717	6,698	2,161
1958-59 ..	7,130	21,656	10,840	3,457	8,077	4,295	1,747	7,803	2,290
1958-59—									
September Qtr.	7,202	23,814	11,746	3,880	9,120	5,011	1,560	8,437	2,504
December ..	6,616	19,551	10,200	2,479	7,098	3,893	2,526	7,147	2,125
March ..	6,288	19,187	9,088	2,880	6,834	3,685	1,122	6,982	2,119
June ..	8,413	24,070	12,327	4,590	9,257	4,591	1,782	8,645	2,413
1959-60—									
September ..	8,113	25,209	12,845	3,769	9,685	5,340	2,234	8,491	2,802
December ..	8,841	r25,089	13,106	3,261	10,724	6,039	2,323	r7,470	2,378
March ..	6,288	26,475	12,142	2,590	10,936	4,908	2,180	8,423	2,591
Monthly Total—									
1958-59—									
April ..	9,423	23,495	n.a.	6,038	9,084	4,677	1,732	8,527	2,556
May ..	6,710	24,551	n.a.	3,717	9,284	4,057	1,406	9,531	2,204
June ..	9,106	24,165	n.a.	4,015	9,403	5,040	2,208	7,878	2,479
1959-60									
July ..	7,151	24,324	n.a.	3,291	8,536	5,314	2,364	8,389	3,150
August ..	4,932	25,150	n.a.	2,288	9,821	5,288	1,405	8,488	2,787
September ..	12,255	26,152	n.a.	5,727	10,698	5,419	2,934	8,595	2,468
October ..	8,885	29,320	n.a.	2,092	14,213	8,283	2,248	7,934	2,675
November ..	8,512	r24,631	n.a.	2,851	9,080	5,009	2,800	r7,537	2,549
December ..	9,137	21,315	n.a.	4,838	8,879	4,824	1,921	6,938	1,911
January ..	3,835	21,855	n.a.	1,140	8,794	3,707	1,713	5,990	2,306
February ..	5,858	23,836	n.a.	2,688	9,363	4,461	1,641	8,204	2,404
March ..	9,171	33,735	n.a.	3,943	14,652	6,557	3,187	11,077	3,062
April ..	9,589	24,057	n.a.	5,501	9,341	5,300	1,508	8,582	2,428
May ..	6,699	37,424	n.a.	2,443	17,959	5,925	2,427	10,337	2,821

(a) See note (a) on page 33. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) See note (c), page 33. (f) Additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas" were included in the metropolitan area as from July, 1947 and July, 1954. For details see November, 1956 issue of this publication. (g) See A and B below and C and F, page 33. See also note (h) below. (h) From July, 1954 the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (i) See A below. See also note (h) above. (j) See B below. See also note (h) above.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.
B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Queensland.			South Australia.			Western Australia.			Tasmania.		
	Government.	Private.(a)		Government.(b)	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)	
	Common-wealth and State.	Brisbane Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note C.	Common-wealth and State.	Adelaide Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note D.	Common-wealth and State.	Perth Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note E.	Common-wealth and State.	Hobart Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note F.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	n.a.	153	98	n.a.	118	32	n.a.	168	n.a.	n.a.	32	19
1937-38 ..	n.a.	167	114	n.a.	173	48	n.a.	174	n.a.	n.a.	31	18
1938-39 ..	34	171	118	22	192	63	38	145	n.a.	20	32	16
1954-55 ..	(c) 489	1,449	(d) 1,545	475	2,171	463	570	1,941	535	162	(e) 393	(f) 460
1955-56 ..	545	1,679	1,669	959	2,403	812	277	1,494	413	106	400	521
1956-57 ..	346	1,553	1,850	482	1,911	698	314	1,470	435	238	454	565
1957-58 ..	614	1,702	1,970	536	2,066	763	422	1,321	520	202	412	481
1958-59 ..	521	1,863	2,141	685	2,268	1,120	499	1,231	479	221	414	515
1958-59—												
Sept. Qtr.	508	1,844	2,053	443	2,586	1,150	691	1,347	515	120	480	513
Dec. "	386	1,714	2,131	606	2,082	1,057	355	1,182	463	264	328	531
Mar. "	659	1,866	1,712	888	2,079	700	553	1,016	413	186	410	459
June "	530	2,027	2,670	804	2,324	1,571	395	1,379	525	312	438	557
1959-60—												
Sept. "	618	2,330	2,538	634	2,611	988	532	1,572	546	326	520	631
Dec. "	667	2,329	2,211	1,125	2,607	1,255	559	1,376	521	906	583	702
Mar. "	742	2,165	2,212	252	2,832	1,364	469	1,504	509	55	615	558
Monthly Total—												
1958-59—												
April ..	215	1,807	2,611	795	2,078	n.a.	491	1,615	526	152	384	762
May ..	298	1,823	2,675	831	2,131	n.a.	142	1,205	531	316	577	541
June ..	1,075	2,452	2,724	788	2,762	n.a.	551	1,316	519	469	354	368
1959-60—												
July ..	306	2,282	2,836	475	3,077	n.a.	487	1,551	549	228	489	731
August ..	344	2,740	2,699	244	2,177	n.a.	143	1,460	520	508	464	621
September ..	1,206	1,967	2,080	1,182	2,579	n.a.	965	1,705	570	241	608	541
October ..	672	2,452	2,079	2,590	2,686	n.a.	791	1,428	580	492	607	672
November ..	334	2,881	2,314	302	3,244	n.a.	466	1,376	421	1,759	513	591
December ..	996	1,654	2,240	494	1,891	n.a.	420	1,324	563	468	629	842
January ..	331	2,416	1,792	364	2,960	n.a.	217	1,320	373	70	375	412
February ..	695	1,837	2,158	142	2,576	n.a.	666	1,186	564	26	670	671
March ..	1,200	2,241	2,685	249	2,960	n.a.	524	2,005	590	68	800	591
April ..	659	1,741	2,631	403	2,645	n.a.	1,288	1,437	571	230	311	736
May ..	380	2,807	2,683	802	2,847	n.a.	324	2,872	628	323	602	738

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.
 (b) Includes the Northern Territory. (c) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards not previously collected. (d) See C below. (e) Previously Hobart city area only. See also note (h) page 32. (f) See F below. See also note (h) page 32.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes local government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbol n.a., —, see page 1.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1953-54.. ..	a 49,254	23,428	a 72,682	49,780	20,130	69,910	a 163,798	132,339	a 296,137
1954-55(b) ..	53,263	31,710	84,973	55,529	23,063	78,592	162,978	170,592	333,570
1955-56.. ..	53,021	41,171	94,192	56,565	31,602	88,167	156,393	218,652	375,045
1956-57.. ..	52,355	37,551	89,906	52,434	37,957	90,391	161,478	224,758	386,236
1957-58.. ..	57,259	37,861	95,120	57,875	48,410	106,285	163,698	191,497	355,195
1958-59.. ..	63,698	44,395	108,093	65,919	45,074	110,993	159,682	193,771	353,453
Quarterly Total—									
1957-58—									
Mar. Qtr. ..	55,656	38,882	94,538	53,089	46,986	102,075	162,319	195,762	358,081
June „ ..	61,220	41,668	102,888	60,698	46,974	107,672	163,698	191,497	355,195
1958-59—									
Sept. „ ..	67,969	49,040	117,009	64,432	42,427	106,859	168,746	201,121	369,867
Dec. „ ..	57,096	33,462	90,558	70,439	54,087	124,526	156,777	181,920	338,697
Mar. „ ..	63,683	41,496	105,179	60,786	40,864	101,650	160,823	182,743	343,566
June „ ..	66,043	53,583	119,626	68,017	42,919	110,936	159,682	193,771	353,453
1959-60—									
Sept. „ ..	69,063	61,214	130,277	69,183	52,555	121,738	160,739	203,441	364,180
Dec. „ ..	68,639	50,314	118,953	73,102	49,364	122,466	157,096	205,469	362,565
Mar. „ ..	73,118	56,474	129,592	67,592	49,002	116,594	163,648	213,459	377,107

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1953-54	25,386	21,680	6,478	6,527	6,446	2,423	n.a.	970	69,910
1954-55	27,674	24,733	7,080	6,770	8,524	2,662	413	736	78,592
1955-56	31,035	27,899	7,630	8,429	8,419	3,199	484	1,072	88,167
1956-57	33,274	28,708	8,846	8,499	5,856	3,152	571	1,485	90,391
1957-58	42,310	32,939	9,510	9,512	6,816	3,210	528	1,460	106,285
1958-59	39,960	34,359	11,250	11,099	7,566	3,362	647	2,750	110,993
Quarterly Total—									
1957-58—									
Mar. Qtr. ..	41,293	31,470	9,952	9,083	6,433	2,715	311	818	102,075
June „ ..	42,400	34,908	8,013	9,774	6,488	3,621	599	1,869	107,672
1958-59—									
Sept. „ ..	39,545	30,964	10,657	9,731	9,706	3,066	538	2,652	106,859
Dec. „ ..	43,090	39,640	12,753	14,056	7,821	3,157	752	3,257	124,526
Mar. „ ..	39,600	30,775	9,703	9,472	6,236	2,922	773	2,169	101,650
June „ ..	37,606	36,058	11,887	11,135	6,499	4,305	525	2,921	110,936
1959-60—									
Sept. „ ..	43,363	35,644	12,066	11,313	7,261	3,739	635	7,717	121,738
Dec. „ ..	41,694	40,131	13,890	12,206	8,380	3,162	595	2,408	122,466
Mar. „ ..	44,854	35,023	11,586	11,664	6,394	3,857	730	2,486	116,594

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS.(a)

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
COMMENCED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1953-54	(b)7,098	5,413	2,179	1,737	2,015	681	n.a.	96	(b)19,219
1954-55	6,282	5,964	2,016	1,816	2,239	738	62	192	19,309
1955-56	6,096	5,490	1,847	2,127	1,672	631	85	207	18,155
1956-57	6,080	5,190	1,963	1,782	1,429	665	63	192	17,364
1957-58	6,461	5,804	1,836	1,863	1,390	616	78	289	18,337
1958-59	7,371	6,067	2,222	2,219	1,368	692	83	399	20,421
Quarterly Total—									
1957-58—Mar. Qtr.	6,223	6,055	1,779	1,666	1,282	583	100	198	17,886
June ..	6,862	6,289	1,968	1,948	1,345	665	100	316	19,493
1958-59—Sept. ..	7,721	6,444	2,390	2,170	1,497	725	101	549	21,597
Dec. ..	6,851	5,749	1,975	2,126	1,132	692	46	211	18,782
Mar. ..	7,557	5,964	2,128	2,052	1,450	651	95	453	20,350
June ..	7,357	6,112	2,394	2,528	1,392	701	92	382	20,958
1959-60—Sept. ..	8,254	6,100	2,478	2,442	1,523	620	83	418	21,918
Dec. ..	7,858	6,649	2,453	2,356	1,358	674	125	r427	r21,900
Mar. ..	7,950	6,718	2,560	2,564	1,707	582	104	384	22,569
COMPLETED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1953-54	6,881	5,571	2,279	1,905	1,960	661	n.a.	138	19,395
1954-55	7,396	6,155	2,059	1,857	2,277	632	50	102	20,528
1955-56	6,786	5,981	1,899	1,952	2,086	693	78	151	19,626
1956-57	5,782	5,270	1,848	1,856	1,349	716	82	206	17,109
1957-58	6,611	5,618	1,922	1,994	1,592	652	68	189	18,646
1958-59	7,508	6,441	2,214	2,196	1,514	677	89	401	21,040
Quarterly Total—									
1957-58—Mar. Qtr.	6,479	5,289	1,872	1,870	1,301	615	53	148	17,627
June ..	7,224	5,962	1,807	1,954	1,480	621	75	261	19,384
1958-59—Sept. ..	7,494	6,386	2,089	2,204	1,342	595	79	341	20,530
Dec. ..	7,706	7,076	2,301	2,239	1,858	614	102	490	22,386
Mar. ..	6,905	5,882	2,190	1,980	1,387	632	111	326	19,413
June ..	7,925	6,419	2,277	2,360	1,471	867	64	446	21,829
1959-60—Sept. ..	8,300	6,271	2,424	2,309	1,613	656	75	495	22,143
Dec. ..	8,071	7,119	2,648	2,570	1,615	638	95	407	23,163
Mar. ..	7,983	5,901	2,307	2,337	1,367	652	92	313	20,952
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.									
1953-54	(b)25,348	21,730	3,593	5,865	6,406	2,195	n.a.	477	(b)65,614
1954-55	20,875	20,964	3,421	5,684	6,253	2,621	211	837	60,866
1955-56	18,103	18,978	3,213	6,373	4,596	2,375	240	1,057	54,935
1956-57	19,248	18,655	3,674	6,038	4,919	2,171	163	1,001	55,869
1957-58	18,640	19,400	3,331	5,510	4,114	2,027	199	1,402	54,623
1958-59	18,103	17,906	3,361	5,603	3,527	2,088	177	1,394	52,159
Quarterly Total—									
1957-58—Mar. Qtr.	19,006	19,073	3,170	5,516	4,249	1,983	174	1,347	54,518
June ..	18,640	19,400	3,331	5,510	4,114	2,027	199	1,402	54,623
1958-59—Sept. ..	18,879	19,458	3,632	5,476	4,269	2,157	221	1,610	55,702
Dec. ..	18,024	18,131	3,306	5,363	3,543	2,235	165	1,331	52,098
Mar. ..	18,676	18,213	3,244	5,435	3,606	2,254	149	1,458	53,035
June ..	18,103	17,906	3,361	5,603	3,527	2,088	177	1,394	52,159
1959-60—Sept. ..	18,055	17,735	3,415	5,736	3,437	2,052	185	1,317	51,932
Dec. ..	17,842	17,265	3,220	5,522	3,180	2,088	215	r1,337	r50,669
Mar. ..	17,806	18,082	3,473	5,749	3,520	2,018	227	1,408	52,283

(a) Individual living units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. Figures for flats include "home units". (b) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Black Coal.			Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Production). (a)	Heat, Light and Power.		Metals.				
	Under-ground.	Open Cut.	Total.			Gas made in Gas-works.	Total Electricity Generated.	Pig Iron. (b)	Ingot Steel. (b)	Zinc, Refined. (c)(d)	Lead, Refined. (c)(e)	Copper, Refined. (c)
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 fine oz.	Million cubic feet.	Million kWh.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Monthly Average—								(f)	(f)			
1936-37 ..	976	1	977	258	108.2	1,679	331	76.1	90.0	5,840	17,562	1,280
1937-38 ..	988	2	990	300	123.3	1,746	363	77.5	97.2	5,810	18,797	1,437
1938-39 ..	1,048	3	1,051	267	135.1	1,789	391	92.1	97.5	5,819	19,416	1,457
1952-53 ..	1,251	294	1,545	673	86.5	3,439	1,004	141.0	150.1	7,181	16,030	1,595
1953-54 ..	1,362	257	1,619	728	92.6	3,508	1,142	152.2	176.4	8,267	19,669	1,742
1954-55 ..	1,393	220	1,613	806	90.0	3,622	1,264	155.7	184.1	8,376	19,613	2,533
1955-56 ..	1,403	183	1,586	865	86.0	3,719	1,399	159.2	193.4	8,664	r18,372	2,039
1956-57 ..	1,469	174	1,643	898	88.5	3,878	1,531	174.8	231.2	r8,691	19,983	2,711
1957-58 ..	1,519	178	1,697	906	90.3	4,024	1,649	r190.3	r253.1	r9,416	r21,352	2,987
1958-59 ..	1,555	150	1,705	r1,020	r91.7	4,055	1,761	r191.1	r267.0	9,559	19,912	r3,772
Monthly Total—												
1957-58—												
May ..	1,565	204	1,769	1,001	88.1	4,203	1,766	r199.6	271.5	9,748	22,598	3,537
June ..	1,553	155	1,708	1,000	95.9	4,646	1,813	r179.3	r257.4	9,811	r21,727	4,265
1958-59—												
July ..	1,818	199	2,017	r1,117	107.9	5,131	1,968	r190.4	r271.2	9,591	19,131	3,946
August ..	1,663	r173	r1,836	1,060	85.3	4,774	1,852	r195.2	r268.0	9,888	19,802	4,202
September ..	1,630	173	1,803	1,061	99.0	4,431	1,775	r189.7	r264.4	9,663	19,997	4,639
October ..	1,836	r157	r1,993	1,032	94.5	4,147	1,774	r182.4	r266.1	9,862	18,284	4,479
November ..	1,600	164	1,764	998	88.8	3,663	1,660	r188.9	r263.5	9,382	21,120	3,898
December ..	1,215	152	1,367	926	100.8	3,596	1,638	r200.6	r270.7	9,696	21,014	2,020
January ..	1,010	124	1,134	869	79.8	3,253	1,591	r199.2	r268.3	9,412	21,212	r2,476
February ..	1,532	128	1,660	861	85.4	3,190	1,574	r180.5	r244.7	8,587	20,336	r3,700
March ..	1,556	117	1,673	977	93.9	3,384	1,688	r188.0	r275.0	9,606	18,821	r3,867
April ..	1,583	138	1,721	1,024	82.7	3,769	1,731	r192.6	r266.2	9,350	19,851	r3,751
May ..	1,559	131	1,690	1,130	82.7	4,453	1,893	r206.9	r288.2	9,944	18,919	r4,280
June ..	1,658	143	1,801	1,188	99.5	4,864	1,987	231.1	291.7	r9,724	20,458	r4,011
1959-60 p—												
July ..	1,760	149	1,909	1,262	90.3	5,108	2,121	210.4	290.7	9,990	18,876	3,928
August ..	1,651	161	1,812	1,209	86.8	4,919	2,032	212.3	285.0	10,083	20,077	3,874
September ..	1,748	165	1,913	1,150	93.6	4,433	1,930	207.9	277.0	9,808	20,049	5,620
October ..	1,714	150	1,864	1,162	r93.6	4,344	1,941	256.9	306.5	10,120	17,661	6,694
November ..	r1,677	158	r1,835	1,123	r95.0	3,776	1,840	206.9	297.0	9,736	20,056	5,678
December ..	1,134	131	1,265	1,015	r101.8	3,615	1,781	212.9	295.3	10,094	19,800	4,046
January ..	1,173	108	1,281	1,062	79.1	3,272	1,735	215.0	283.9	9,842	21,712	4,186
February ..	r1,576	133	r1,709	r1,124	80.2	3,387	1,766	194.4	273.9	9,247	20,704	6,187
March ..	r1,794	165	r1,959	r1,168	92.8	3,730	1,937	219.2	296.0	9,944	19,700	5,637
April ..	1,492	146	1,638	1,128	93.4	3,905	1,872	239.1	293.0	9,709	18,884	6,241
May ..	1,754	185	1,939	1,291		4,929	2,167	247.6	313.2	10,056	19,468	6,428

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia.

(b) Includes recovery from scrap.

(c) Source : Bureau of Mineral Resources.

(d) Refined slab ; includes small quantities of metal recovered from zinc dust used in works.

(e) Includes lead content of antimonial lead and of lead-silver bullion produced for export.

(f) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Building Materials.							Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators.
	Clay Bricks.	Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas.(b)	Electric. (c)	
		Terra-cotta.	Cement.								
	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Monthly Average—											
1936-37 ..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60.0	567	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71.0	619	4,562	3,481	749	1,257
1938-39 ..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72.3	634	4,538	3,894	730	2,458
1952-53 ..	55.6	4,831	3,338	2,022	111.6	119.9	1,285	3,994	2,978	1,883	15,179
1953-54 ..	66.8	5,315	3,721	2,174	116.7	141.7	1,349	4,198	3,587	3,098	22,874
1954-55 ..	69.9	5,328	4,477	2,340	120.8	160.0	1,482	4,147	4,897	3,929	23,381
1955-56 ..	70.0	5,392	4,483	2,208	121.2	169.6	(e)1,510	3,942	4,753	3,984	20,617
1956-57 ..	67.1	4,806	3,716	2,120	118.3	181.0	1,355	3,834	4,550	4,323	16,293
1957-58 ..	73.2	4,911	4,122	2,169	115.9	190.9	1,453	3,602	4,663	4,588	16,327
1958-59p ..	79.9	4,942	4,348	2,239	123.4	207.6	1,488	3,372	5,505	5,440	18,063
Monthly Total—											
1957-58—											
May ..	82.2	5,196	4,429	2,760	123.4	209.3	1,559	3,146	4,234	4,983	13,210
June ..	75.0	4,878	3,980	2,077	122.2	206.1	1,455	2,960	3,976	4,565	13,181
1958-59 p—											
July ..	87.3	5,392	4,434	2,450	124.4	208.7	1,603	3,959	5,347	5,637	18,623
August ..	79.7	4,959	4,194	2,456	135.6	215.2	1,513	4,177	5,558	5,173	19,881
September ..	86.8	5,145	4,529	2,241	131.5	212.7	1,571	4,143	6,662	5,196	21,527
October..	86.1	5,556	4,794	2,371	136.8	223.9	1,625	3,736	7,212	5,881	27,632
November ..	79.0	4,945	4,464	2,446	130.6	210.2	1,544	3,312	6,268	5,361	23,445
December ..	73.3	4,221	3,770	1,897	115.7	192.6	1,276	3,107	5,798	4,956	23,389
January ..	53.4	3,571	3,134	1,587	90.6	158.7	1,098	2,105	3,838	3,340	13,725
February ..	75.9	4,909	4,383	2,209	105.2	190.3	1,478	2,972	6,111	5,620	16,809
March ..	81.6	4,881	4,388	1,875	116.8	215.3	1,448	3,234	5,130	5,826	12,406
April ..	84.7	5,467	4,810	2,333	120.2	218.5	1,610	3,252	5,653	6,514	12,439
May ..	85.6	5,216	4,720	2,622	133.9	232.5	1,551	3,061	4,397	5,996	12,645
June ..	85.6	5,041	4,560	2,375	138.8	212.6	1,542	3,406	4,091	5,775	14,238
1959-60 p—											
July ..	89.8	5,604	4,857	2,575	135.2	223.2	1,640	3,759	6,843	5,947	20,131
August ..	86.6	4,841	5,064	2,852	129.5	229.0	1,555	3,444	7,190	5,487	19,185
September ..	94.6	5,324	5,116	2,647	134.1	225.6	1,603	3,356	8,116	6,490	25,915
October..	91.4	4,892	5,035	2,804	136.2	226.4	1,631	3,349	7,625	6,436	30,863
November ..	85.9	4,612	5,073	2,826	133.9	225.0	1,597	3,143	r7,455	6,958	27,367
December ..	79.5	r4,265	4,303	2,405	118.8	217.5	1,340	3,078	7,033	6,792	25,187
January ..	57.3	3,167	3,210	r1,514	94.1	170.7	1,096	1,873	4,000	3,676	17,098
February ..	86.0	4,684	4,481	r2,623	116.0	212.1	1,571	2,860	6,831	6,154	17,894
March ..	99.0	5,533	5,373	r2,581	124.6	228.2	1,736	3,099	7,362	7,610	17,471
April ..	81.8	4,564	4,587	r2,423	116.8	213.4	1,454	2,662	6,027	5,805	10,325
May ..	94.6	4,872	5,466	2,718		230.4	1,606	3,087	6,224	6,603	13,140

(a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.
(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.
(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (e) From July, 1955 represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Cotton Textiles.		Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Wool Textiles.			Boots, Shoes and Sandals (not Rubber). (a)
	Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).		Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.	
	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	'000 pairs.
Monthly Average—							
1936-37	730	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208
1937-38	965	n.a.	n.a.	7.9	2.51	2.47	1,176
1938-39	974	n.a.	n.a.	8.8	2.71	2.65	1,164
1952-53	2,302	2,052	1,289	10.3	2.97	2.39	1,498
1953-54	3,175	2,678	1,686	11.4	3.83	2.73	1,706
1954-55	3,458	2,753	1,259	11.3	3.56	2.38	1,657
1955-56	3,379	3,222	1,308	12.1	3.60	2.33	1,651
1956-57	3,498	3,856	1,895	13.8	3.98	2.73	1,745
1957-58	3,720	3,695	1,768	12.8	3.82	2.68	1,782
1958-59p	3,591	3,521	1,365	12.9	3.42	2.27	2,002
Monthly Total—							
1957-58—							
May	3,799	3,910	1,551	12.5	3.93	2.35	1,865
June	3,449	3,613	1,819	12.7	3.49	1.96	1,773
1958-59 p—							
July	3,996	3,870	1,562	12.5	3.31	2.07	2,152
August	3,587	3,564	1,434	10.5	3.01	1.97	2,267
September	3,536	3,675	1,532	11.2	3.40	2.16	2,432
October	3,930	3,910	1,484	12.4	3.51	2.52	2,486
November	3,520	3,606	1,277	13.5	3.41	2.45	2,136
December	2,990	3,050	1,096	12.1	2.88	2.12	1,807
January	2,638	2,796	896	10.0	2.39	1.62	1,166
February	3,589	3,321	1,305	13.4	3.57	2.47	1,811
March	3,590	3,420	1,342	13.9	3.66	2.56	1,820
April	4,234	3,968	1,512	14.5	4.02	2.58	1,988
May	3,686	3,433	1,357	15.3	3.90	2.39	1,902
June	3,801	3,641	1,588	16.1	4.02	2.33	2,056
1959-60 p—							
July	4,143	3,726	1,417	16.2	4.19	2.34	2,266
August	3,676	3,571	1,315	13.4	3.79	2.25	2,339
September	4,104	3,628	1,561	14.7	4.50	2.65	2,558
October	3,619	3,347	1,389	14.3	4.44	2.77	2,489
November	3,757	3,470	1,486	15.2	4.33	2.85	2,487
December	3,160	2,885	1,215	13.5	3.73	2.37	1,954
January	2,927	3,005	990	12.4	2.97	1.84	1,213
February	3,665	3,450	1,305	14.1	r4.20	2.68	1,911
March	4,228	3,885	1,300	15.9	r4.91	3.08	2,160
April	3,823	3,601	1,243	12.8	4.02	2.27	r1,756
May	4,265	3,903	1,455	15.4	4.64	2.48	2,060

(a) Includes Infants Soft Soled Nursery prior to July, 1956.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

Period.	Hosiery.(a)					Underwear.(b)		Shirts, Men's and Boys'.
	Men's. (c)	Women's.		Children's.	Infants' and Baby Wear.(e)	Men's, Youths' and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	
		Fully Fash. and Circular. (d)	Anklets (All Types).					
	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
Monthly Average—								
1936-37	83.1	157.1		49.1		191.8		(f)60.6
1937-38	86.7	183.7		52.0		227.6		(f)69.9
1938-39	91.9	178.0		51.0		229.2		(f)56.2
1952-53	131.2	156.4	(g) 73.6	{ (h) }	{ (i) }	93.6	173.7	73.4
1953-54	157.9	179.1	(g) 101.2			120.8	224.4	103.3
1954-55	138.7	201.8	(g) 93.9			119.6	235.4	117.5
1955-56	130.0	192.0	(g) 88.6			130.3	234.4	109.1
1956-57	120.9	214.2	22.9	67.1	9.2	139.8	244.3	118.8
1957-58	122.7	184.8	25.0	60.3	8.4	151.5	238.0	127.5
1958-59 p ..	109.0	205.1	18.6	61.9	7.9	154.7	247.0	134.2
Monthly Total—								
1957-58—								
May	131.6	208.7	20.5	66.9	8.3	150.6	239.0	123.2
June	116.1	198.7	20.5	63.8	6.9	142.7	218.6	128.3
1958-59 p—								
July	117.5	222.9	25.2	71.2	8.4	179.2	269.8	167.3
August	110.0	214.5	23.1	70.6	8.8	156.9	245.0	156.1
September ..	123.1	221.7	23.7	73.2	7.6	171.4	261.1	176.4
October	124.2	245.7	22.5	70.0	7.3	181.9	293.2	174.2
November ..	114.8	210.1	18.7	59.8	6.1	162.1	285.2	153.1
December ..	89.0	170.6	14.3	57.7	6.4	146.7	241.8	120.4
January	64.1	127.0	10.9	37.3	5.2	92.1	154.3	59.7
February ..	103.6	194.9	15.3	59.5	10.2	152.3	262.5	109.9
March	103.9	194.4	17.2	57.1	8.3	154.7	245.2	110.6
April	119.5	214.8	17.6	59.4	8.9	161.9	235.3	119.8
May	115.8	224.5	17.3	61.1	8.5	146.5	234.4	129.2
June	122.6	220.2	17.1	66.4	9.5	150.6	236.6	134.1
1959-60 p—								
July	146.1	232.0	17.4	64.7	11.8	180.8	274.6	186.0
August	130.1	224.7	21.2	63.3	11.6	148.7	250.3	169.1
September ..	159.5	231.2	21.9	76.2	13.2	180.4	288.1	192.2
October	162.6	231.5	21.9	73.1	11.9	155.6	280.4	193.3
November ..	151.8	220.3	20.9	65.9	16.5	168.2	302.6	179.7
December ..	113.2	176.2	17.0	56.5	10.3	142.9	267.5	146.2
January	75.8	135.6	13.6	42.3	8.1	93.2	156.9	76.7
February ..	113.1	205.4	21.7	68.1	10.1	155.2	260.3	121.2
March	128.2	232.4	25.8	70.2	9.8	178.4	284.8	141.0
April	109.2	195.7	22.2	59.4	8.8	133.1	217.6	119.2
May	131.1	226.3	29.5	71.2	12.5	156.4	266.3	146.8

(a) Series revised. (b) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric. (c) Includes Boys' prior to July, 1956.
 (d) Includes Maids' and Girls' stockings subsequent to June, 1956. (e) From July, 1956 specified as sizes 0 to 3 only. (f) Excludes knitted.
 (g) Includes Infants' and Baby Wear and some Childrens'. (h) Included with Men's and Women's. (i) Included with Anklelets.
 For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Whole Milk for All Purposes	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Bone-in Weight).(a)					Beer.
				Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef (including Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Pigmeat.	Total Meat.	
	'000 short tons.	'000 tons.	Million gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals. (b)	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37	102.4	27.0	89.9	13,908	1,636	n.a.	45.9	16.0	10.0	7.7	79.6	6,261
1937-38	104.2	28.9	96.4	15,242	2,018	n.a.	49.7	17.2	9.9	7.2	84.0	7,084
1938-39	114.4	28.2	99.2	16,232	2,415	2,781	46.6	17.1	9.6	7.2	80.5	7,523
1952-53	143.9	36.7	101.3	13,632	3,883	6,971	56.2	20.8	12.2	6.9	96.1	16,446
1953-54	134.1	37.4	99.1	13,010	4,087	6,333	58.7	19.8	10.6	7.0	96.1	17,380
1954-55	129.4	40.1	110.5	15,667	3,765	5,364	60.0	20.0	12.3	8.3	100.6	18,473
1955-56	130.9	41.0	116.8	17,149	3,223	5,944	62.6	19.5	12.1	7.8	102.0	18,958
1956-57	136.0	40.0	113.2	15,820	3,764	6,510	67.9	18.6	11.9	7.4	105.8	18,394
1957-58	110.1	r41.1	105.4	14,410	2,991	6,655	65.9	22.5	12.6	8.5	109.5	18,871
1958-59	p113.3	p43.4	114.1	r16,131	r3,625	r6,756	75.5	25.9	15.2	8.5	125.1	p19,037
Monthly Total—												
1957-58—												
Apr. ..	84.9	40.0	81.9	10,519	1,610	4,260	63.9	21.4	10.3	9.4	105.0	18,008
May ..	101.0	44.9	69.3	7,859	1,555	3,512	81.6	21.6	10.6	9.3	123.1	17,701
June ..	96.5	40.0	64.4	6,876	1,694	3,380	86.1	18.5	10.7	7.9	123.2	15,495
1958-59	p	p	r	r	r	r						p
July ..	108.8	41.6	71.7	7,941	2,240	3,920	87.4	22.2	13.0	8.6	131.2	16,446
August	115.1	44.7	91.7	11,419	3,267	5,687	75.3	20.6	11.8	8.1	115.8	16,699
Sept. ..	112.0	45.8	124.5	17,543	4,509	8,217	75.5	22.2	14.0	8.6	120.3	18,992
Oct. ..	112.1	45.1	156.6	23,292	5,729	10,446	79.6	27.5	23.1	9.6	139.8	21,700
Nov. ..	116.9	47.3	154.6	22,859	5,559	10,703	74.0	26.6	25.9	8.8	135.3	22,187
Dec. ..	104.7	40.5	160.4	24,517	5,048	10,631	70.9	29.7	21.3	8.9	130.8	25,037
Jan. ..	112.4	42.6	148.3	22,511	4,540	8,613	60.5	28.5	13.3	7.6	109.9	19,762
Feb. ..	107.6	43.0	117.5	17,049	3,287	6,228	67.0	30.1	11.9	8.4	117.4	18,571
Mar. ..	107.4	42.5	111.3	15,622	2,939	5,962	69.9	27.7	11.7	8.9	118.2	19,171
Apr. ..	112.2	41.2	91.3	11,972	2,360	4,442	77.4	25.0	11.9	9.1	123.4	18,830
May ..	120.1	49.0	75.2	8,842	2,016	3,449	83.6	25.0	11.8	8.1	128.5	15,832
June ..	130.0	37.7	67.1	7,356	1,931	2,776	85.3	25.3	12.2	7.2	130.0	15,216
1959-60 p												
July ..	132.4	42.0	74.1	8,281	2,300	3,635	92.6	26.1	13.8	8.0	140.5	17,055
Aug. ..	129.9	45.5	98.2	12,508	3,373	6,020	71.8	22.9	12.8	7.5	115.0	17,187
Sept. ..	125.6	40.9	132.4	18,634	4,752	9,027	67.6	28.0	17.8	8.2	121.6	20,753
Oct. ..	133.8	55.8	166.1	24,689	6,003	11,300	62.4	34.7	22.4	9.3	128.8	21,498
Nov. ..	136.6	47.7	178.1	27,173	5,916	12,281	51.3	34.7	21.9	8.3	116.2	22,044
Dec. ..	110.8	44.4	172.6	26,660	5,450	10,373	49.0	35.5	19.2	9.0	112.7	25,601
Jan. ..	111.3	42.2	151.8	22,754	4,721	9,207	50.2	34.0	15.6	7.7	107.5	21,367
Feb. ..	105.2	43.7	125.2	17,966	3,682	7,032	52.3	31.9	r15.6	8.4	r108.2	20,464
Mar. ..	116.9	53.4	105.8	14,213	2,965	5,469	63.9	31.0	17.3	9.9	122.1	21,126
Apr. ..	104.3	44.4	77.3	9,098	r1,954	3,685	62.6	27.3	15.1	8.5	113.5	17,697
May ..	127.7	48.0	r65.7	6,796	1,666	2,845	72.0	26.5	13.0	8.6	120.0	16,731

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Whole milk equivalent.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes.	Chemicals and Allied Products.				Motor Bodies.(a)			Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, etc.	
		Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super- phosphate.	Paints.		Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.		
				Ready- Mixed Paint and Enamels.	Lacquers, Nitro- Cellulose.					
		'000 lb.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	No.	No.	No.	'000.	
Monthly Average—										
1936-37		1,805	36.4	90.9	n.a.	n.a.	3,660	478	610	n.a.
1937-38		1,904	41.3	102.8	209	60	4,032	804	518	n.a.
1938-39		1,939	40.8	100.0	224	48	3,426	816	715	n.a.
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1952-53		3,029	52.3	131.7	534	84	4,133		1,745	141
1953-54		3,487	61.0	147.6	657	109	5,514		2,088	241
1954-55		3,706	69.6	163.4	812	123	6,002		2,245	293
1955-56		3,842	74.7	177.2	890	125	6,912		2,030	303
1956-57		4,129	73.2	164.6	906	121	6,230		1,804	287
1957-58		4,255	82.6	185.0	924	130	8,129		2,370	317
1958-59 p.. .. .		(b)4,306	81.8	177.0	950	133	(c)9,839		2,344	326
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Monthly Total—										
1957-58—		(b)								
May		4,328	96.6	201.6	928	153	8,885		2,768	358
June		3,982	83.1	192.3	813	115	8,463		2,567	314
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1958-59 p—							(c)			
July		4,219	79.6	167.2	888	135	11,212		2,769	379
August		4,175	94.7	197.9	942	137	9,951		2,371	342
September		4,397	81.1	167.7	1,085	131	10,484		2,268	355
October		4,441	75.6	171.6	1,119	152	10,719		2,413	367
November		4,332	80.5	165.7	1,080	138	9,723		2,134	318
December		5,039	66.6	136.5	1,023	122	8,613		1,856	294
January		3,961	79.3	168.3	705	94	7,095		1,403	203
February		4,212	77.9	164.4	979	138	10,231		2,165	322
March		3,903	92.6	200.7	907	132	9,170		2,304	285
April		4,632	89.4	221.5	954	148	10,682		2,930	361
May		4,206	89.3	176.9	925	136	10,036		3,042	351
June		4,151	75.0	185.5	795	134	10,148		2,467	339
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1959-60 p—										
July		4,478	73.2	157.4	1,008	156	12,030		2,549	386
August		4,296	82.9	175.3	947	144	11,597		2,414	352
September		4,347	81.7	188.2	1,052	155	13,585		2,702	369
October.. .. .		4,700	85.0	183.1	1,062	167	r13,247		2,717	378
November		4,628	73.1	140.7	1,087	163	r13,478		2,521	350
December		5,216	83.7	187.7	1,006	134	11,247		2,049	284
January		4,231	88.1	178.4	718	109	8,004		1,370	236
February		4,362	90.3	197.4	1,011	160	12,687		2,250	342
March		4,591	102.0	249.7	1,140	184	14,507		2,734	398
April		4,283	106.9	253.2	r926	153	11,319		2,312	r323
May		4,769	104.3	237.9	1,005	153	14,381		2,583	393

(a) Excludes those made, built or assembled wholly or mainly from imported panels.
July, 1958, includes Station Wagons.

(b) Quantity on which excise duty was paid.

(c) From

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page I.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : 1953 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (a)	Denmark. (a)	France. (a)	Germany West. (a)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway. (a)	Sweden. (a) (h)	United King- dom. (a) (c)	U.S.A. (a)
1953	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1954	106	100	109	110	112	109	108	110	108	104	108	94
1955	116	110	112	120	128	120	116	118	116	111	113	106
1956	123	120	115	133	138	128	144	123	122	114	114	109
1957	123	120	121	144	147	137	167	126	128	118	116	110
1958	115	118	125	150	151	142	168	127	124	118	114	102
1959	119	128	135	159	162	158	208	139	130	121	122	115
1957—												
December ..	121	111	116	162	151	137	167	116	121	125	113	103
1958—												
January ..	119	111	125	158	144	142	154	122	122	122	114	101
February ..	121	116	129	162	145	131	167	113	136	124	119	98
March ..	119	116	129	160	146	143	179	124	135	125	122	97
April ..	117	115	128	164	153	138	163	124	115	127	111	96
May ..	115	120	126	166	151	146	163	128	117	125	114	98
June ..	113	123	129	161	153	141	162	130	135	125	115	101
July ..	100	116	83	148	145	152	165	126	84	59	105	102
August ..	107	117	126	100	142	116	163	121	122	113	97	105
September ..	118	121	134	148	155	152	168	131	133	121	115	105
October ..	119	121	135	154	161	157	173	142	135	124	118	109
November ..	116	124	135	161	168	146	172	128	138	128	122	110
December ..	116	116	126	157	155	147	183	126	122	122	115	108
1959—												
January ..	112	118	126	154	143	146	171	127	123	120	116	110
February ..	112	125	132	159	149	145	190	122	138	124	119	114
March ..	119	124	130	156	156	154	204	134	120	128	117	116
April ..	121	126	135	163	160	158	195	140	136	126	122	118
May ..	120	129	137	169	163	154	201	137	122	123	119	119
June ..	122	134	139	167	163	155	208	146	141	124	124	121
July ..	105	126	93	150	153	162	209	141	91	64	111	112
August ..	110	126	139	107	153	130	209	129	127	116	105	113
September ..	124	134	148	158	169	170	217	148	142	127	127	115
October ..	126	137	148	166	175	178	221	156	143	133	132	116
November ..	131	133	150	179	186	171	224	144	143	135	134	114
December ..	125	126	143	181	178	171	240	145	130	136	125	118
1960—												
January ..	122	128	140	r174	164	r165	224	139	134	131	129	122
February ..	128	131	147	r175	168	r174	251	145	146	133	r132	122
March ..	128	r132	147	r172	r176	188	r267	163	149	136	135	122
April ..	129	128	145	177	178	179	252	156	129	r136	129	121
May ..				181	181		251	162	138	132		120
June ..												120

(a) Adjusted for number of working days.

(b) Includes construction.

(c) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of the Navy vehicles were included.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.		
	Motor Cars.(a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars. (a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc. (a)	Motor Cycles.
	'000.	'000.	'000.	Monthly Averages.		
1949-50(b)	768	499	134	9,584	(c)4,829	2,232
1950-51(b)	882	548	145	10,671	6,461	2,263
1951-52(b)	1,031	581	154	10,480	6,085	1,846
1952-53(b)	1,108	579	148	7,773	4,337	941
1953-54	1,200	607	141	10,466	4,783	905
1954-55	1,347	650	133	13,900	5,598	941
1955-56	1,472	679	126	13,644	5,766	878
1956-57	1,565	707	120	12,481	4,916	805
1957-58	1,676	735	116	13,770	5,595	884
1958-59	1,783	766	111	14,182	6,199	833
				Monthly Totals.		
1957-58—				(d)	(d)	(d)
May	1,671	734	117	15,237	6,003	781
June	1,676	735	116	12,820	5,357	655
1958-59—						
July	1,688	736	116	13,906	6,106	652
August	1,694	738	115	13,561	5,505	770
September	1,703	740	115	14,741	5,929	911
October	1,720	744	115	16,084	6,453	888
November	1,728	748	115	14,817	6,154	856
December	1,739	752	115	15,930	6,576	1,007
January	1,744	754	114	12,431	5,082	904
February	1,751	755	114	13,525	5,879	841
March	1,755	757	113	13,228	6,126	844
April	1,772	762	113	15,139	7,031	896
May	1,770	761	111	13,133	6,760	766
June	1,783	766	111	13,686	6,789	657
1959-60—						
July	1,792	768	110	15,721	7,470	725
August	1,804	771	109	15,634	6,889	706
September	1,814	775	108	17,261	7,252	827
October	1,826	779	108	19,132	7,587	815
November	1,840	784	107	18,743	7,472	782
December	1,858	790	107	20,817	7,808	913
January	1,865	790	107	13,394	4,787	773
February	1,877	793	106	17,128	6,502	992
March	1,898	799	106	19,820	7,713	972
April	1,895	798	104	17,014	6,079	715
May	1,914	803	103	19,013	7,613	761

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle ; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (b) Excludes the Northern Territory. (c) Includes taxis and hire cars in Victoria. (d) Includes some new registrations effected in preceding months but not passed into central registration records until subsequent months.

NOTE.—Particulars of New Motor Vehicles registered, as shown above, are compiled by the Registration Authorities in each State, and, because of the factors referred to in note (a) and for other reasons, differ from those published in the Monthly Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles and the Monthly Press Statement.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

Period.	Revenue Train-Miles.	Goods and Livestock.(a)		Passenger Journeys.	Revenue.	
		Tons Carried.	Net Ton- miles(b).		Gross.	Net.
	'000.	'000.	Million.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—						
1949-50	7,785	3,362	516.9	42,054	7,683	—205
1950-51	7,390	3,392	523.1	39,674	8,804	—594
1951-52	7,780	3,672	562.9	41,707	11,626	—721
1952-53	7,394	3,644	547.8	41,468	12,903	—560
1953-54	7,789	3,880	579.4	42,557	14,155	140
1954-55	7,911	3,951	608.0	43,071	14,498	124
1955-56	8,020	3,875	606.1	42,895	14,765	—659
1956-57	7,924	3,956	614.1	41,626	15,737	—376
1957-58	7,552	3,745	565.5	41,191	14,928	—493
1958-59	7,635	3,977	607.5	40,414	15,430	146
Monthly Total—(c)						
1957-58—						
March	7,589	3,762	591.2	43,621	15,026	113
April	7,292	3,541	543.4	39,705	14,163	—342
May	7,837	3,863	594.0	42,898	15,227	—1,009
June	7,265	3,627	538.8	41,802	14,856	1,505
1958-59—						
July	7,835	4,187	603.2	41,206	15,271	252
August	7,689	3,901	579.0	40,225	15,233	81
September	7,642	4,045	593.3	43,480	15,914	813
October	7,976	4,261	620.2	39,444	16,422	833
November	7,514	3,842	586.9	39,206	15,087	—731
December	7,675	3,690	565.5	39,375	15,436	81
January	7,459	3,559	562.4	37,923	14,609	269
February	7,005	3,883	612.3	39,768	14,699	494
March	7,639	3,965	623.7	42,565	15,411	821
April	7,734	4,370	691.2	38,772	16,354	1,426
May	7,826	4,033	638.3	41,631	15,520	—900
June.. ..	7,629	3,989	614.5	41,370	15,204	—1,689
1959-60—						
July	8,037	4,473	660.7	40,381	16,317	976
August	7,842	4,309	633.8	42,681	16,259	868
September	7,911	4,535	677.6	40,610	16,989	1,638
October	8,064	4,474	667.1	40,865	16,633	973
November	7,597	4,168	659.8	39,816	16,083	120
December	7,811	3,863	617.3	35,424	15,619	—137
January	7,363	3,511	570.3	38,410	14,578	—471
February	7,307	4,081	653.9	45,327	15,279	442
March	8,042	4,680	758.8	38,299	17,456	1,463

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) Partly estimated. (c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS WEIGHT.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.)(a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—						
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)
Monthly Average—									
1948-49.. ..	452	487	257	41	32	152	5	32	519
1949-50.. ..	422	641	233	37	30	198	5	32	535
1950-51.. ..	450	757	232	37	36	222	5	28	560
1951-52.. ..	374	810	280	37	45	238	11	29	640
1952-53.. ..	504	644	285	34	53	247	52	33	704
1953-54.. ..	479	711	307	39	36	287	54	35	758
1954-55.. ..	507	916	302	74	43	318	73	41	851
1955-56.. ..	555	1,036	293	99	47	350	137	43	969
1956-57.. ..	728	1,050	309	97	60	378	116	32	992
1957-58.. ..	614	1,143	324	114	56	364	148	45	1,051
1958-59.. ..	720	1,186	334	93	51	358	144	50	1,030
Monthly Total—									
1957-58—									
April	458	1,178	293	107	40	353	141	58	992
May	646	1,336	347	97	50	390	191	58	1,133
June	540	1,116	330	139	24	381	156	54	1,084
1958-59—									
July	659	1,263	391	109	66	376	128	86	1,156
August	680	1,108	335	91	73	381	121	58	1,059
September ..	652	1,046	325	134	63	294	127	51	994
October	653	1,301	356	63	70	359	114	52	1,014
November ..	632	1,123	329	76	74	386	148	38	1,051
December ..	760	1,347	269	103	39	353	146	49	959
January	814	1,256	299	78	22	335	173	49	956
February ..	797	967	316	89	49	367	148	47	1,016
March	774	1,085	341	101	35	315	145	50	987
April	793	1,325	334	95	50	362	146	47	1,034
May	724	1,182	346	101	46	388	158	31	1,070
June	707	1,226	364	71	24	378	170	41	1,048
1959-60—									
July	766	1,299	433	132	52	332	110	45	1,104
August	758	1,225	328	105	59	358	165	47	1,062
September ..	896	1,217	357	122	49	365	161	42	1,096
October	842	1,347	385	120	75	359	160	56	1,155
November ..	871	1,343	347	99	61	391	190	39	1,131
December ..	826	1,175	372	144	49	368	161	39	1,133
January	807	1,287	254	62	25	360	154	32	887
February ..	908	1,095	358	118	47	354	180	40	1,097
March	995	1,276	334	108	41	380	166	32	1,061
April p ..	877	1,403	270	120	41	389	128	23	972
May p	818	1,485	331	109	53	316	185	28	1,023

(a) Figures for Tons Measurement on page 46.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS OF 40 CUBIC FEET MEASUREMENT.
(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.)(a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—						
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)
Monthly Average—									
1948-49.. ..	114	214	29	20	10	15	6	18	98
1949-50.. ..	116	298	25	21	11	17	7	20	101
1950-51.. ..	108	333	27	20	10	20	6	27	110
1951-52.. ..	103	391	32	25	9	17	6	21	110
1952-53.. ..	121	161	31	22	8	17	9	19	106
1953-54.. ..	113	234	36	35	10	19	8	20	128
1954-55.. ..	118	284	34	35	10	16	8	20	123
1955-56.. ..	129	285	24	31	9	12	8	27	111
1956-57.. ..	115	229	20	32	7	8	7	33	107
1957-58.. ..	124	243	21	30	5	9	7	24	96
1958-59.. ..	122	222	18	32	4	6	5	23	88
Monthly Total—									
1957-58—									
April	182	222	14	28	6	5	5	19	77
May	210	269	15	31	6	7	6	21	86
June	131	254	19	27	3	5	5	29	88
1958-59—									
July	140	196	22	30	5	5	3	15	80
August	102	282	19	29	4	8	4	18	82
September ..	123	221	17	18	5	5	9	23	77
October	111	230	19	45	5	6	4	22	101
November ..	111	218	33	41	4	6	3	20	107
December ..	103	224	14	28	4	5	3	19	73
January	78	249	15	28	3	5	5	17	73
February ..	85	170	15	31	4	6	4	17	77
March	135	226	17	36	4	4	5	25	91
April	203	207	15	30	4	5	5	30	89
May	164	233	17	36	4	8	4	39	108
June	114	210	13	32	5	6	6	28	90
1959-60—									
July	121	229	19	46	4	8	6	32	116
August	107	271	14	36	3	9	9	25	97
September ..	101	219	14	33	5	7	5	23	87
October	142	261	21	52	4	10	5	35	128
November ..	101	270	20	51	5	7	5	33	121
December ..	108	264	19	46	8	3	7	27	110
January	91	238	11	40	3	2	5	r22	r83
February ..	85	348	16	48	9	3	6	r30	r112
March	157	289	19	53	9	4	5	41	131
April p	169	244	17	40	8	11	2	36	114
May p	285	304	11	46	12	3	13	43	128

(a) Figures for Tons Weight on page 45. (b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department. (a)			Broadcast Listeners' Licences.		Television Viewers' Licences.		Telephone Services connected at End of Period.	
				New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	Lines.	Instruments.
			£'000. Monthly Average.	'000. Monthly Average.	'000.	'000. Monthly Average.	'000.	'000.	'000.
1948-49	2,776	14	(b) 1,763	..	..	734	1,028
1949-50	3,196	14	(b) 1,841	..	..	793	1,110
1950-51	3,732	14	(b) 1,885	..	..	864	1,209
1951-52	4,948	22	1,961	..	..	927	1,301
1952-53	5,367	17	1,986	..	..	985	1,384
1953-54	5,650	15	2,042	..	..	1,050	1,476
1954-55	6,069	13	2,035	..	..	1,127	1,587
1955-56	6,612	13	2,089	..	..	1,207	1,704
1956-57	7,519	14	2,107	(c) 11	(c) 74	1,279	1,814
1957-58	8,065	15	2,138	19	291	1,362	1,937
1958-59	8,622	21	2,264	25	578	1,443	2,056
			Monthly Total.	Monthly Total.		Monthly Total.			
1957-58—									
May	8,482	15	2,138	24	262	1,351	1,922
June..	9,046	15	2,138	31	291	1,362	1,937
1958-59—									
July	8,449	22	2,147	36	328	1,369	1,948
August	7,661	16	2,146	31	358	1,376	1,958
September	8,512	28	2,172	32	390	1,383	1,968
October	9,299	31	2,201	26	415	1,391	1,979
November	7,784	22	2,195	21	433	1,398	1,989
December	9,714	16	2,210	18	455	1,404	1,999
January	7,872	13	2,210	17	468	1,410	2,006
February	7,823	19	2,211	19	484	1,416	2,017
March	8,450	27	2,235	23	506	1,422	2,026
April	9,700	25	2,266	25	530	1,428	2,036
May	8,432	17	2,257	26	555	1,436	2,047
June..	9,768	16	2,264	24	578	1,443	2,056
1959-60—									
July	9,517	16	2,266	28	599	1,453	2,071
August	8,100	13	2,265	30	627	1,461	2,084
September	9,110	13	2,258	32	654	1,468	2,095
October	9,796	12	2,248	29	682	1,475	2,105
November	9,366	10	2,242	29	711	1,481	2,112
December	11,571	8	2,247	25	738	1,487	2,122
January	9,309	9	2,249	26	761	1,491	2,127
February	9,894	12	2,260	30	791	1,494	2,132
March	11,711	14	2,269	42	833	1,500	2,140
April	9,620	16	2,252	34	862	1,504	2,147
May	11,020	19	2,271	51	911	1,509	2,154

(a) Actual collections.
on 31st December, 1951.

(b) Excludes licences for receivers in excess of one. These licences were introduced in July, 1942, and were abolished
(c) Licences were first issued in December, 1956, but did not come into force until 1st January, 1957.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA (a).

CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT) AND RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT.

(£A million.)

Period.	Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department).								Rural Credits Department.
	Notes on Issue.			Statutory Reserve Deposit Account of Trading Banks. (b)	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and other Securities (including Treasury Bills).	Advances.
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.						
Average of Weekly Figures—									
1953-54	38.5	299.7	338.2	306.8	41.7	283.4	512.6	408.0	43.2
1954-55	40.9	316.1	357.0	306.3	36.8	243.5	415.9	459.8	62.3
1955-56	43.0	331.1	374.1	272.8	35.6	208.7	298.9	515.7	73.8
1956-57	44.9	338.3	383.2	289.4	31.4	205.9	349.7	508.8	56.6
1957-58	45.7	343.9	389.6	328.3	25.6	218.4	461.7	478.6	33.7
1958-59	47.2	348.8	396.0	259.9	24.2	232.9	411.5	469.1	46.7
1957-58—									
May	45.6	342.2	387.8	294.0	23.1	228.6	448.4	458.8	38.2
June	45.4	342.6	388.0	282.7	24.3	231.0	436.5	464.6	37.9
1958-59—									
July	44.6	343.5	388.1	271.2	29.8	230.0	426.0	477.0	30.2
August	44.2	346.5	390.7	265.1	25.6	227.2	410.6	494.3	22.3
September ..	44.5	348.0	392.5	265.1	27.3	221.3	401.9	507.3	14.9
October	45.3	348.8	394.1	265.1	29.0	223.4	392.2	521.5	12.6
November ..	46.4	349.3	395.7	265.1	22.3	229.5	396.6	516.9	11.9
December (c) ..	54.6	360.2	414.8	265.1	22.3	228.8	405.1	525.6	12.1
January	52.1	349.3	401.4	265.1	28.5	225.5	407.3	497.6	29.1
February	47.2	345.2	392.4	253.9	25.8	229.7	407.3	432.8	72.9
March	45.8	349.6	395.4	250.2	21.6	233.5	402.8	410.7	98.3
April	49.1	349.3	398.4	250.2	22.1	251.2	417.6	415.5	96.7
May	46.5	348.3	394.8	250.2	16.2	247.6	438.8	404.9	85.2
June	46.8	348.7	395.5	250.2	17.8	245.5	431.6	422.8	74.6
1959-60—									
July	46.4	350.3	396.7	250.2	21.8	238.3	421.2	439.6	67.3
August	46.5	354.1	400.6	250.2	22.8	239.8	417.2	461.9	58.1
September ..	46.4	356.6	403.0	250.2	28.7	242.8	420.4	480.3	48.3
October	47.7	358.8	406.5	250.2	21.9	243.6	429.4	478.4	40.5
November ..	48.3	361.0	409.3	265.2	22.1	248.3	437.3	499.1	34.1
December (c) ..	58.6	372.0	430.6	285.1	25.9	250.6	448.6	536.5	27.6
January	55.4	362.4	417.8	286.5	23.6	242.7	461.8	477.3	52.0
February	54.4	360.5	414.9	300.2	13.7	243.4	454.8	456.0	78.5
March	53.6	362.0	415.6	308.6	12.8	253.6	452.0	461.5	94.7
April	56.5	371.0	427.5	312.0	8.7	243.4	450.3	468.4	88.7
May	57.1	365.6	422.7	310.0	10.5	250.5	465.3	462.7	80.0

(a) Prior to the 14th January, 1960, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.
Banks.

(c) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

(b) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Special Accounts of Trading

**COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA,
and
COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(a)**
(£ million.)

Period.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.										Commonwealth Development Bank.(a)	
	Deposits.				Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	Advances.	
	Fixed. (b)	Current.		Total.		Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.				Hire Purchase.	Other
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.									
Average of Weekly Figures—												
1953-54 ..	30.0	5.3	120.9	156.2	11.0	23.4	29.9	..	34.8	69.2	16.6	9.2
1954-55 ..	37.9	5.7	130.9	174.5	10.5	12.3	38.2	..	36.1	89.1	17.0	11.5
1955-56 ..	41.1	5.2	135.6	181.9	10.2	6.3	38.6	..	33.2	103.9	16.6	14.1
1956-57 ..	40.6	3.8	140.1	184.5	10.0	4.1	35.7	..	34.6	106.5	16.5	14.5
1957-58 ..	49.2	5.7	150.2	205.1	10.8	5.5	46.5	..	40.2	107.8	16.0	14.9
1958-59 ..	60.3	7.4	159.1	226.8	11.3	4.1	56.7	..	36.5	122.5	17.4	15.1
1957-58—												
May ..	52.4	6.7	151.7	210.8	9.9	6.3	46.7	..	38.4	113.4	16.1	14.7
June ..	55.5	7.8	152.0	215.3	10.4	8.5	46.7	..	37.9	113.9	16.3	14.8
1958-59—												
July ..	57.3	8.3	150.9	216.5	10.6	7.9	47.2	..	37.4	119.2	16.4	14.9
August ..	58.1	7.8	151.7	217.6	11.4	4.7	50.2	..	37.1	121.2	16.5	15.0
September ..	60.7	6.8	154.1	221.6	12.1	6.7	54.7	..	37.1	119.0	16.7	15.0
October ..	60.9	7.2	159.1	227.2	11.0	5.9	58.6	..	37.1	121.2	17.1	14.9
November..	60.7	7.2	164.1	232.0	11.8	7.1	60.3	..	38.1	122.3	17.7	15.0
December(e)	59.3	7.1	166.3	232.7	11.9	3.8	60.6	..	38.2	124.0	18.4	14.9
January ..	59.5	7.3	154.4	221.2	12.2	2.5	50.2	..	38.4	125.6	18.2	14.9
February ..	60.3	7.2	158.0	225.5	12.5	2.6	54.6	..	36.3	123.9	17.9	14.9
March ..	60.9	7.2	162.0	230.1	10.8	2.5	61.5	4.5	34.1	121.3	17.5	15.0
April ..	60.5	7.4	163.6	231.5	11.5	1.2	61.3	3.5	34.3	112.9	17.5	15.1
May ..	60.4	7.5	165.4	233.3	9.1	2.3	60.9	5.7	34.7	125.3	17.4	15.7
June ..	65.1	8.1	160.2	233.4	10.8	1.8	60.9	3.1	35.2	125.1	17.4	15.6
1959-60—												
July ..	64.9	8.3	161.7	234.9	11.5	2.6	60.1	1.0	36.1	130.7	17.4	15.7
August ..	64.3	8.5	165.4	238.2	10.4	4.3	60.5	3.1	36.1	130.5	17.4	16.0
September ..	65.4	8.2	169.2	242.8	13.1	4.0	64.3	2.8	36.6	129.1	17.4	16.1
October ..	66.0	8.2	170.8	245.0	12.8	4.1	66.3	1.8	36.9	130.7	17.6	16.3
November..	65.9	8.6	179.0	253.5	11.3	4.9	66.4	2.5	39.1	131.6	18.1	16.4
December(e)	58.4	9.0	189.1	256.5	15.9	3.2	60.3	1.6	41.7	135.8	18.4	16.5
January ..	57.5	10.9	182.4	250.8	13.5	3.8	54.3	1.3	42.3	135.9	18.3	16.1
February ..	57.3	13.4	190.4	261.1	11.0	3.0	56.3	1.8	43.5	134.8	17.9	16.2
March ..	57.8	13.5	195.0	266.3	10.5	2.8	59.1	3.3	45.3	134.2	17.7	15.8
April ..	63.3	13.8	190.6	267.7	10.6	1.2	59.5	3.8	46.4	135.0	17.8	15.6
May ..	63.1	13.5	189.5	266.1	8.4	1.0	58.8	3.1	46.8	137.5	18.0	15.4

(a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of Commonwealth Bank of Australia. (b) Prior to February, 1960, fixed deposits—Australian Governments were included in current deposits bearing interest. (c) See note (b). (d) Prior to 14th January, 1960 Special Account with Commonwealth Bank. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)
LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
 (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.				Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.
	Fixed. (b)	Current.		Total.		Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.			
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.							
Average of Weekly Figures—										
1936-37	184.7	112.9	297.6	34.2	24.5	(e) 15.0	..	..	262.5	
1937-38	194.8	120.0	314.8	37.1	20.7	(e) 21.4	..	..	274.4	
1938-39	198.8	118.9	317.7	33.6	20.5	(e) 20.5	..	..	288.1	
1953-54	207.8	32.0	1,035.7	1,275.5	71.2	99.4	127.6	..	285.2	658.5
1954-55	211.7	51.3	1,047.7	1,310.7	66.9	51.6	120.2	..	269.1	776.8
1955-56	210.8	52.3	1,032.3	1,295.4	66.9	50.0	113.1	..	238.8	804.4
1956-57	234.5	65.0	1,028.5	1,328.0	63.7	51.2	151.3	..	254.1	762.6
1957-58	261.5	83.9	1,045.9	1,391.3	59.8	39.0	176.2	..	287.4	774.3
1958-59	274.6	93.9	1,007.8	1,376.3	58.3	38.3	193.5	..	222.8	807.0
1957-58—										
May	267.7	82.5	1,004.0	1,354.2	58.0	15.1	166.6	..	254.9	819.5
June	267.7	85.1	999.2	1,343.0	58.4	13.0	151.7	..	244.2	831.7
1958-59—										
July	268.4	95.1	967.7	1,331.2	63.2	13.1	144.1	..	233.2	844.9
August	268.7	97.5	955.3	1,321.5	55.4	23.4	143.4	..	227.5	838.8
September	269.2	92.5	962.3	1,324.0	57.8	27.0	146.1	..	227.5	829.8
October	271.2	94.7	986.8	1,352.7	60.5	30.7	155.2	..	227.5	830.9
November	274.6	92.7	1,004.9	1,372.2	57.6	38.9	173.4	..	226.5	824.6
December (f)	276.2	91.7	1,025.5	1,393.4	64.8	40.9	191.3	..	226.3	808.2
January	277.5	94.5	1,030.0	1,402.0	66.3	57.9	212.9	..	226.2	794.8
February	278.9	92.8	1,048.2	1,419.9	58.4	73.3	238.0	..	217.0	775.3
March	279.3	92.3	1,060.0	1,431.6	54.8	80.7	242.8	13.7	215.5	764.3
April	277.9	96.7	1,041.7	1,416.3	57.1	46.6	239.0	21.0	215.3	782.2
May	277.2	92.3	1,009.6	1,379.1	49.3	17.5	229.0	23.1	214.9	790.1
June	277.9	92.8	1,008.3	1,379.0	52.5	15.8	218.1	21.2	214.4	791.1
1959-60—										
July	277.9	100.8	997.2	1,375.9	54.2	18.1	211.6	21.9	213.4	805.4
August	279.8	105.5	990.1	1,375.4	53.8	24.6	215.2	20.8	213.4	803.1
September	282.6	105.4	1,016.2	1,404.2	58.0	27.0	228.5	23.0	213.0	800.6
October	286.3	105.5	1,039.9	1,431.7	54.8	30.0	244.5	26.6	212.6	814.6
November	287.6	104.0	1,065.6	1,457.2	55.2	25.0	249.8	24.5	225.5	817.2
December (f)	282.6	103.9	1,097.7	1,484.2	67.7	19.5	249.4	24.1	242.9	806.3
January	281.9	97.8	1,105.0	1,484.7	65.0	40.5	262.6	27.4	243.6	798.4
February	301.3	82.2	1,121.5	1,505.0	55.8	34.6	279.5	25.0	256.1	795.4
March	302.3	85.8	1,129.4	1,517.5	55.3	35.4	277.6	21.9	262.7	800.4
April	301.4	81.3	1,110.0	1,492.7	54.6	16.2	243.5	14.8	265.0	837.8
May	300.0	84.6	1,078.4	1,463.0	58.1	11.4	205.6	17.0	262.3	863.0

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955, The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c) page 49. (d) See note (d), page 49. (e) Includes Municipal Securities. (f) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

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PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.			Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
			Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities + other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank.	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	
Average	of	Weekly						
Figures—								
1936-37	11.5	19.7	(b) 24.8	..	88.2	37.9
1937-38	11.8	18.4	(b) 25.2	..	87.1	38.1
1938-39	10.6	17.4	(b) 23.8	..	90.7	37.4
1953-54	5.6	13.4	23.4	22.4	51.6	81.2
1954-55	5.1	9.0	18.2	20.5	59.3	79.9
1955-56	5.2	9.0	17.7	18.4	62.1	79.7
1956-57	4.8	8.6	20.0	19.1	57.4	77.5
1957-58	4.3	7.1	19.8	20.7	55.7	75.2
1958-59	4.2	7.0	21.1	16.2	58.6	73.2
1957-58—								
May	4.3	5.4	17.7	18.8	60.5	74.1
June	4.3	5.3	16.6	18.2	61.9	73.7
1958-59—								
July	4.8	5.8	16.6	17.5	63.5	72.7
August	4.2	6.0	16.8	17.2	63.5	72.3
September	4.4	6.4	17.4	17.2	62.7	72.7
October	4.5	6.8	18.2	16.8	61.4	73.0
November	4.2	7.0	19.7	16.5	60.1	73.2
December(c)	4.6	7.6	21.3	16.2	58.0	73.6
January	4.7	8.8	24.0	16.1	56.7	73.5
February	4.1	9.2	26.0	15.3	54.6	73.8
March	3.8	9.4	26.4	15.1	53.4	74.1
April	4.0	7.3	24.2	15.2	55.2	73.6
May	3.6	4.8	21.4	15.6	57.3	73.2
June..	3.8	5.0	20.8	15.5	57.6	73.1
1959-60—								
July	4.0	5.3	20.7	15.5	58.5	72.5
August	3.9	5.7	21.4	15.5	58.4	72.0
September	4.1	6.0	22.3	15.2	57.0	72.4
October	3.8	5.9	23.0	14.9	56.9	72.6
November	3.8	5.5	22.6	15.5	56.1	73.1
December(c)	4.6	5.9	22.7	16.4	54.3	74.0
January	4.4	7.1	24.8	16.4	53.8	74.4
February	3.7	6.0	24.6	17.0	52.9	74.5
March	3.6	6.0	24.3	17.3	52.8	74.4
April	3.7	4.7	21.1	17.8	56.1	74.4
May	4.0	4.8	18.8	17.9	59.0	73.7

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page.
a return for fourth Wednesday.

(b) Includes Municipal securities.

(c) Banks were exempted from furnishing

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

(Major Trading Banks.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.				Coin, Bullion, and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.
	Fixed. (b)	Current.		Total.		Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.			
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.							
Average of Weekly Figures—										
1953-54	237.8	37.3	1,156.6	1,431.7	82.2	122.8	157.5	..	320.0	727.7
1954-55	249.5	57.0	1,178.6	1,485.1	77.4	63.9	158.4	..	305.2	865.9
1955-56	251.9	57.5	1,167.9	1,477.3	77.1	56.3	151.7	..	272.0	908.3
1956-57	275.1	68.8	1,168.7	1,512.6	73.6	55.2	187.0	..	288.7	869.1
1957-58	310.7	89.6	1,196.1	1,596.4	70.6	44.5	222.7	..	327.6	882.1
1958-59	334.9	101.3	1,166.9	1,603.1	69.5	42.4	250.2	..	259.3	929.5
1957-58—										
May	320.0	89.3	1,155.7	1,565.0	67.9	21.4	213.3	..	293.3	932.9
June	323.2	92.9	1,142.2	1,558.3	68.8	21.5	198.4	..	282.1	945.6
1958-59—										
July	325.7	103.4	1,118.6	1,547.7	73.8	21.0	191.3	..	270.6	964.1
August	326.8	105.3	1,107.0	1,539.1	66.8	28.1	193.6	..	264.6	960.0
September ..	329.9	99.3	1,116.4	1,545.6	69.9	33.7	200.8	..	264.6	948.8
October	332.1	101.9	1,145.9	1,579.9	71.5	36.6	213.8	..	264.6	952.1
November ..	335.2	100.0	1,169.0	1,604.2	69.4	46.0	233.7	..	264.6	946.9
December (e) ..	335.5	98.7	1,191.8	1,626.0	76.6	44.7	251.9	..	264.6	932.2
January	337.0	101.8	1,184.4	1,623.2	78.6	60.4	263.1	..	264.6	920.4
February	339.2	100.0	1,206.1	1,645.3	70.9	75.9	292.6	..	253.3	899.2
March	340.3	99.4	1,222.0	1,661.7	65.6	83.2	304.3	18.2	249.6	885.6
April	338.4	104.1	1,205.3	1,647.8	68.6	47.8	300.3	24.5	249.6	905.1
May	337.5	99.9	1,175.0	1,612.4	58.4	19.8	289.9	28.8	249.6	915.4
June	343.0	100.9	1,168.5	1,612.4	63.3	17.5	279.0	24.3	249.5	916.3
1959-60—										
July	342.8	109.1	1,158.9	1,610.8	65.8	20.7	271.7	22.9	249.5	936.1
August	344.0	114.1	1,155.5	1,613.6	64.2	28.9	275.7	23.9	249.5	933.6
September ..	348.0	113.5	1,185.4	1,646.9	71.1	31.0	292.8	25.8	249.5	929.6
October	352.3	113.8	1,210.6	1,676.7	67.5	34.1	310.9	28.4	249.5	945.2
November ..	353.6	112.5	1,244.6	1,710.7	66.5	29.9	316.2	27.0	264.6	948.7
December (e) ..	341.0	112.9	1,286.9	1,740.8	83.6	22.7	309.7	25.7	284.6	942.1
January	339.4	108.7	1,287.4	1,735.5	78.5	44.3	316.8	28.7	285.9	934.3
February	358.6	95.6	1,311.9	1,766.1	66.8	37.6	335.8	26.8	299.6	930.2
March	360.1	99.3	1,324.4	1,783.8	65.7	38.2	336.7	25.2	308.0	934.6
April	364.7	95.1	1,300.6	1,760.4	65.2	17.4	303.0	18.6	311.4	972.8
May	363.1	98.1	1,267.9	1,729.1	68.0	12.4	264.4	20.2	309.1	1,000.5

(a) See footnote (a), page 50.

(b) See footnote (b), page 49.

(c) See footnote (c), page 49.

(d) See footnote (d), page 49.

(e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

(Major Trading Banks.)

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities + Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank.	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1953-54	5.7	14.3	25.3	22.3	50.8	80.8
1954-55	5.2	9.5	20.2	20.5	58.3	79.4
1955-56	5.2	9.0	19.3	18.4	61.5	79.1
1956-57	4.9	8.5	20.9	19.1	57.5	77.3
1957-58	4.4	7.2	21.2	20.5	55.3	74.9
1958-59	4.3	7.0	22.6	16.2	58.0	72.8
1957-58—						
May	4.3	5.7	19.3	18.7	59.6	73.8
June	4.4	5.8	18.5	18.1	60.7	73.3
1958-59—						
July	4.8	6.1	18.5	17.5	62.3	72.3
August	4.3	6.1	18.7	17.2	62.4	71.9
September	4.5	6.7	19.7	17.1	61.4	72.2
October	4.5	6.8	20.4	16.7	60.3	72.5
November	4.3	7.2	21.8	16.5	59.0	72.9
December(b)	4.7	7.5	23.0	16.3	57.3	73.3
January	4.9	8.6	24.8	16.3	56.7	73.0
February	4.3	8.9	26.7	15.4	54.7	73.3
March	4.0	9.0	27.3	15.0	53.3	73.5
April	4.2	7.1	25.3	15.1	54.9	73.1
May	3.6	4.8	22.8	15.5	56.8	72.9
June	3.9	5.0	22.3	15.5	56.8	72.5
1959-60—						
July	4.1	5.4	22.3	15.5	58.1	72.0
August	4.0	5.8	22.9	15.5	57.9	71.6
September	4.3	6.2	24.0	15.2	56.5	72.0
October	4.0	6.0	24.6	14.9	56.4	72.2
November	3.9	5.6	24.1	15.5	55.5	72.8
December(b)	4.8	6.1	23.9	16.3	54.1	73.9
January	4.5	7.0	25.3	16.5	53.8	74.2
February	3.8	5.9	24.9	17.0	52.7	74.3
March	3.7	5.8	24.7	17.3	52.4	74.2
April	3.7	4.7	21.9	17.7	55.3	73.9
May	3.9	4.6	19.9	17.9	57.9	73.3

(a) See footnote (a), page 50.

(b) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.				Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.
	Fixed. (b)	Current.		Total.		Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.			
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.							
Average of Weekly Figures—										
1953-54	241.8	48.6	1,196.0	1,486.4	87.3	130.1	170.8	..	321.1	793.7
1954-55	254.3	68.3	1,220.0	1,542.6	82.0	69.5	171.7	..	306.3	938.1
1955-56	257.1	68.6	1,207.7	1,533.4	81.1	60.5	165.5	..	272.8	984.1
1956-57	281.4	79.5	1,209.9	1,570.8	77.5	59.1	202.1	..	289.4	946.8
1957-58	318.6	102.0	1,238.1	1,658.7	74.4	48.7	237.2	..	328.3	963.3
1958-59	345.1	115.8	1,207.0	1,667.9	73.2	43.3	264.6	..	259.9	1,015.3
1957-58—										
May	328.5	103.3	1,195.7	1,627.5	70.9	22.6	228.0	..	294.0	1,017.1
June	331.8	107.3	1,181.0	1,620.1	71.9	22.0	212.6	..	282.7	1,030.1
1958-59—										
July	335.5	118.6	1,155.4	1,609.5	77.4	21.5	205.0	..	271.2	1,048.8
August	336.6	120.4	1,143.0	1,600.0	70.3	28.6	207.1	..	265.2	1,044.2
September ..	339.6	114.1	1,152.4	1,606.1	73.1	34.2	214.2	..	265.2	1,033.7
October	342.3	116.6	1,182.3	1,641.2	75.3	37.1	227.2	..	265.2	1,037.0
November ..	345.9	114.3	1,206.5	1,666.7	73.3	46.5	247.2	..	265.2	1,032.9
December (e) ..	346.2	112.7	1,229.8	1,688.7	81.1	45.2	265.2	..	265.2	1,018.8
January	347.3	115.8	1,224.5	1,687.6	82.9	61.2	277.2	..	265.2	1,007.0
February	349.5	113.9	1,250.5	1,713.9	75.1	78.5	307.9	..	253.9	984.9
March	350.7	113.3	1,267.3	1,731.3	69.5	85.0	319.9	21.0	250.2	971.6
April	348.8	118.5	1,250.2	1,717.5	71.8	48.7	316.0	28.1	250.2	991.5
May	348.0	114.2	1,219.2	1,681.4	61.0	20.3	305.5	33.2	250.2	1,002.3
June	353.5	115.5	1,211.8	1,680.8	66.0	18.0	294.6	28.3	250.2	1,003.5
1959-60—										
July	352.4	126.9	1,202.0	1,681.3	69.3	21.3	287.4	29.1	250.2	1,023.3
August	353.7	132.7	1,197.0	1,683.4	67.0	29.4	291.3	29.9	250.2	1,019.9
September ..	357.8	132.2	1,226.7	1,716.7	74.1	31.5	308.4	31.8	250.2	1,016.9
October	362.3	131.8	1,252.2	1,746.3	70.6	34.5	326.3	34.3	250.2	1,033.1
November ..	363.9	130.3	1,287.5	1,781.7	69.3	30.9	331.6	32.9	265.2	1,036.5
December(e) ..	351.5	130.1	1,330.8	1,812.4	86.6	23.3	325.2	31.2	285.1	1,030.6
January	349.9	125.3	1,335.0	1,810.2	82.1	45.1	335.1	34.6	286.5	1,022.9
February	369.0	112.2	1,360.8	1,842.0	69.7	39.2	355.8	32.8	300.2	1,019.5
March	370.7	116.4	1,373.0	1,860.1	68.5	39.9	356.2	31.4	308.6	1,023.9
April	375.6	112.5	1,348.4	1,836.5	68.0	18.8	321.6	25.8	312.0	1,062.7
May	374.0	115.7	1,313.9	1,803.7	70.5	13.3	282.0	28.3	309.7	1,090.4

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953 and Banking Act 1959. Includes Commonwealth Trading Bank, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) See note (d), page 49. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Average of Weekly Figures—									
1953-54	171.7	154.9	51.0	32.8	25.4	9.9	0.5	0.8	447.0
1954-55	187.5	176.2	53.9	36.3	26.2	10.7	0.5	0.8	492.1
1955-56	200.9	185.4	56.0	39.6	26.9	11.6	0.6	1.0	522.0
1956-57	219.4	195.5	62.7	42.7	28.6	12.6	0.6	1.2	563.3
1957-58	230.4	207.1	65.6	44.3	30.2	12.9	0.7	1.5	592.7
1958-59	248.9	224.7	70.3	46.2	30.7	13.8	0.8	2.0	637.4
1957-58—									
May	235.0	218.2	64.6	44.8	29.7	14.2	0.7	1.7	608.9
June	231.8	216.9	66.5	43.4	28.3	14.3	0.7	1.8	603.7
1958-59—									
July	242.6	219.6	71.0	44.2	28.8	14.2	0.8	2.3	623.5
August	218.8	195.0	64.8	40.3	25.9	11.8	0.8	1.6	559.0
September ..	236.1	206.9	69.8	42.4	28.2	12.4	0.8	1.9	598.5
October	252.3	224.4	72.5	45.1	30.4	13.3	0.8	1.8	640.6
November ..	254.3	225.6	73.1	45.9	29.7	14.0	0.8	1.8	645.2
December ..	274.5	253.4	77.0	51.2	33.1	15.5	1.0	2.0	707.7
January	205.7	176.8	58.8	39.1	31.9	10.4	0.8	1.7	525.2
February ..	254.3	244.6	69.6	50.6	37.2	13.9	0.7	2.0	672.9
March	259.1	235.0	70.2	49.9	33.5	14.2	0.8	1.8	664.5
April	250.1	223.0	70.2	48.1	30.1	15.3	0.8	2.2	639.8
May	263.5	247.1	70.3	49.0	30.9	15.6	0.8	1.9	679.1
June	269.6	240.1	73.3	47.3	29.2	14.6	0.8	2.7	677.6
1959-60—									
July	275.3	251.2	77.9	50.5	31.6	15.5	1.0	2.5	705.5
August	254.5	228.6	72.1	45.9	29.5	13.8	0.8	2.4	647.6
September ..	283.1	247.6	79.7	51.3	33.5	14.7	0.9	2.3	713.1
October	290.5	262.7	79.7	51.9	34.3	14.1	1.0	2.3	736.5
November ..	295.2	265.1	79.9	53.3	34.7	15.2	1.0	2.4	746.8
December ..	312.5	297.9	86.5	58.8	38.2	17.6	1.0	3.0	815.5
January	259.3	227.4	72.1	46.3	38.0	12.8	0.9	1.9	658.7
February ..	294.1	260.8	75.9	54.6	36.2	14.5	0.8	2.4	739.3
March	319.4	273.1	79.7	55.3	36.9	15.8	0.9	2.7	783.8
April	302.3	266.2	78.4	54.9	32.5	16.2	0.9	2.9	754.3
May	328.0	291.7	81.9	58.7	36.8	17.2	1.0	4.5	819.8

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953 and Banking Act 1959. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 54, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank (prior to 14th January, 1960 the Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of the Commonwealth Bank.)

SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES.

(£ million.)

At end of—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
June 1956	386.6	386.2	132.7	135.7	57.9	37.2	1.7	3.0	1,141.0
„ 1957	422.2	411.6	144.6	142.4	62.7	38.7	1.9	3.3	1,227.4
„ 1958	449.0	433.6	153.2	148.9	66.0	40.2	2.1	3.8	1,296.8
„ 1959	488.3	458.4	166.7	157.1	71.5	42.5	2.2	4.6	1,391.3
1958-59—									
May ..	476.9	447.6	162.2	152.4	69.6	41.8	2.2	4.5	1,357.2
June ..	488.3	458.4	166.7	157.1	71.5	42.5	2.2	4.6	a 1,391.3
1959-60—									
July ..	493.3	461.4	168.7	158.1	72.3	43.1	2.3	4.7	1,403.9
August ..	498.3	467.3	171.0	158.9	73.1	43.8	2.4	4.8	1,419.6
September	505.3	473.9	173.8	160.3	74.6	44.1	2.5	4.8	1,439.3
October	510.7	478.1	175.8	161.9	75.4	44.3	2.5	4.9	1,453.6
November	513.6	480.6	176.3	162.9	75.7	44.6	2.5	5.0	1,461.2
December	514.9	480.4	175.7	162.2	75.3	44.5	2.5	5.0	1,460.5
January	517.2	480.7	175.2	162.6	75.4	44.7	2.4	5.0	1,463.2
February	521.1	485.0	175.9	163.1	76.1	45.1	2.4	5.1	1,473.8
March ..	523.5	485.8	176.0	163.0	76.1	45.4	2.4	5.1	1,477.3
April ..	525.7	486.4	176.2	162.5	76.2	45.7	2.4	5.3	1,480.4
May ..	530.2	489.5	177.6	161.8	76.8	46.0	2.5	5.3	1,489.7

(a) Interest added 1958-59, £35.4m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

SAVINGS BANKS: SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA(a).

(£ million.)

At End of—	Coin, Bullion and Australian Notes.	Deposits with Reserve Bank.	Deposits with Trading Banks.	Australian Public Securities.		Loans to Authorized dealers in the Short Term Money Market.	Loans, advances and Bills Discounted.	
				Commonwealth and States (Including Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities).	Local and Semi-Governmental Authorities.		Housing.	Other.
June 1956..	2.8	101.6	41.5	675.2	177.1	..	181.9	
„ 1957..	2.8	98.6	54.8	706.1	199.2	..	202.1	
„ 1958..	2.8	104.6	54.6	719.4	224.5	..	228.1	
„ 1959..	3.3	122.0	53.7	740.1	248.9	..	261.0	
1958-59—								
May ..	3.1	121.6	54.3	738.6	247.2	..	256.6	
June ..	3.3	122.0	53.7	740.1	248.9	..	261.0	
1959-60—								
July ..	3.1	122.8	54.3	747.1	250.8	..	263.7	
August ..	3.1	128.8	56.0	754.0	254.8	..	265.8	
September	3.0	132.2	56.5	761.7	259.7	..	268.6	
October ..	3.0	140.6	57.4	767.9	264.0	..	271.3	
November	2.9	141.4	51.5	777.5	266.9	..	274.5	
December	3.6	136.6	48.7	777.3	269.9	..	279.3	
January ..	2.8	130.0	58.0	783.9	271.7	3.7	257.8	22.8
February	3.4	128.6	58.9	791.0	275.1	3.0	260.8	23.0
March ..	2.6	128.8	55.8	794.2	278.7	2.0	264.7	23.4
April ..	3.1	129.1	56.7	794.4	280.7	4.4	267.6	23.5
May ..	3.3	132.3	54.5	795.5	282.6	3.9	271.1	23.9

(a) Includes Assets in Papua, New Guinea and Norfolk Island.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.	New Policies issued.(b)				Premiums.(c)		Claims, etc., Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted.(e)
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	
	Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.					
		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—									
1937	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.
1938	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.
1939	11,293	3,886	32,125	1,545	1,144	541	835	303	n.a.
1951-52.. ..	23,607	18,464	23,216	2,817	3,651	1,102	1,441	546	3,963
1952-53.. ..	23,643	18,828	22,853	2,946	4,186	1,147	1,576	619	3,011
1953-54.. ..	23,709	21,177	19,964	2,714	4,679	1,172	1,763	670	2,872
1954-55.. ..	23,505	24,365	18,415	2,734	5,175	1,218	1,983	738	4,319
1955-56.. ..	24,796	27,893	17,551	2,721	5,785	1,228	2,263	793	4,744
1956-57.. ..	24,328	32,683	17,526	2,761	6,454	1,248	2,470	841	4,992
1957-58.. ..	24,967	37,562	17,414	2,819	7,289	1,273	2,797	912	4,948
1958-59.. ..	26,312	43,430	16,001	2,683	8,005	1,268	2,255	629	6,103
Monthly Total—									
1957-58—									
April	20,152	28,228	15,627	2,528	7,361	1,197	2,592	777	5,687
May	24,556	37,631	18,653	2,993	7,822	1,308	2,957	964	5,379
June	26,924	45,937	22,581	3,716	9,169	1,363	3,036	869	4,862
1958-59—									
July	27,662	44,718	18,343	2,974	8,867	1,339	3,476	1,001	5,777
August	28,629	40,527	18,112	3,011	7,199	1,209	3,001	959	5,107
September ..	33,880	52,418	24,392	3,942	8,173	1,374	3,207	866	6,577
October	25,273	40,393	15,395	2,567	7,465	1,303	2,924	833	7,093
November ..	24,970	38,410	16,155	2,744	6,880	1,573	2,808	846	6,033
December ..	28,549	76,987	11,463	2,243	8,582	1,276	3,447	767	8,036
January	16,194	25,976	4,234	646	6,524	754	2,312	613	3,876
February ..	19,872	29,761	14,390	2,323	6,857	1,238	2,896	844	4,495
March	24,415	36,387	16,788	2,802	7,958	1,321	2,928	911	6,389
April	26,737	40,925	16,633	2,746	8,616	1,287	3,062	861	6,680
May	28,651	44,285	16,886	2,842	8,485	1,177	3,129	928	7,304
June	30,920	50,374	19,215	3,351	10,466	1,363	3,552	939	5,875
1959-60—									
July	30,922	55,025	16,544	2,782	9,398	1,325	3,512	1,100	6,396
August	31,817	51,570	19,612	3,364	8,101	1,326	3,332	1,034	5,525
September ..	41,931	64,134	19,720	3,306	9,113	1,276	3,972	1,003	6,984
October	28,481	50,261	15,738	2,739	8,096	1,355	3,490	888	5,865
November ..	31,212	55,529	15,476	2,665	7,173	1,364	2,980	880	6,659
December ..	36,554	105,422	14,046	2,772	9,678	1,626	3,719	694	7,554
January	21,319	30,406	3,395	570	7,097	536	2,534	608	3,860
February ..	29,934	44,692	17,941	3,104	7,641	1,274	3,027	897	5,019
March	38,414	54,314	17,803	3,113	9,384	1,427	3,950	961	6,603
April	31,002	49,651	13,838	2,544	8,401	1,204	3,045	987	5,796

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.

(b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities.

(d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash.

(e) Excludes advances of premiums.

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EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

Period.	Exchange Rates.(a)			Gold Prices.(a)		Commonwealth Government Securities taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales.
	Australia on London.(b)	London on New York. (b)	Australia on New York. (c)	Australia.	London.	Short Dated 2 years.(d)	Long Dated 12 years.(d)	
	£A. per £100 Stg.	\$ per £Stg.	\$ per £A.	£A. per fine oz.	£Stg. per fine oz.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent. (e)
1936-37	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.781	7.041	(f) 3.57	(g) 3.94	(h)5.3
1937-38	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001	(f) 3.30	(g) 3.71	(h)5.3
1938-39	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340	(f) 3.67	(g) 3.84	(i)5.4
1952-53	125.25	2.804	2.231	15.492	12.400	3.03	4.54	(i) 4.7
1953-54	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.514	12.411	3.10	4.44	4.9
1954-55	125.25	2.797	2.226	15.625	12.536	3.49	4.50	5.2
1955-56	125.25	2.795	2.228	15.625	12.496	4.39	4.76	5.8
1956-57	125.25	2.789	2.220	15.625	12.532	4.71	5.06	6.5
1957-58	125.25	2.805	2.232	15.625	12.491	4.38	4.99	7.0
1958-59	125.25	2.809	2.235	15.625	12.496	4.16	4.94	7.0
1957-58—								(i) (j)
May	125.25	2.816	2.241	15.625	12.472	4.25	4.96	7.1
June	125.25	2.811	2.237	15.625	12.484	4.25	4.94	7.1
1958-59—								
July	125.25	2.805	2.232	15.625	12.522	4.28	4.96	7.0
August	125.25	2.805	2.233	15.625	12.511	4.30	4.97	7.0
September ..	125.25	2.803	2.231	15.625	12.521	4.30	4.97	7.0
October	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.507	4.25	4.98	7.0
November ..	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.625	12.510	4.24	4.96	7.0
December ..	125.25	2.804	2.232	15.625	12.515	4.23	4.93	7.0
January	125.25	2.807	2.233	15.625	12.495	4.18	4.96	7.0
February ..	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.479	4.15	4.95	7.0
March	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.625	12.465	4.00	4.89	7.1
April	125.25	2.817	2.242	15.625	12.456	4.01	4.92	7.1
May	125.25	2.815	2.240	15.625	12.476	4.01	4.95	7.1
June	125.25	2.813	2.239	15.625	12.485	4.00	4.89	7.1
1959-60—								
July	125.25	2.812	2.238	15.625	12.492	3.91	4.91	7.1
August	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.497	3.88	4.89	7.2
September ..	125.25	2.804	2.232	15.625	12.527	3.93	4.90	7.2
October	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.507	3.94	4.90	7.3
November ..	125.25	2.803	2.231	15.625	12.509	3.94	4.89	7.4
December ..	125.25	2.799	2.227	15.625	12.524	3.95	4.93	7.6
January	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.625	12.531	3.99	4.92	7.6
February ..	125.25	2.804	2.231	15.625	12.518	4.02	4.92	7.6
March	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.625	12.506	4.14	4.94	7.7
April	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.497	4.14	4.93	7.8
May	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.625	12.508	4.17	4.94	7.9

(a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Weighted average twelve months. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (h) Urban securities only. (i) Rural and urban securities. (j) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent. per Annum.)

Date of Change in Rate.	Trading Banks—						Common-wealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate).	Treasury Bills (Discount Rate). (b)	Common-wealth Loans (Long Term).
	Fixed Deposits—				Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).				
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.	Common-wealth Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.			
1941—22nd Sept. ..	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.25	(c)	2.00	1.50	3.250
1942—14th March ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.50	3.250
1943—1st May ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.250
1944—17th January ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.250
11th August ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.25	3.250
1945—1st March ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250
1st December	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250
1946—20th November	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.125
1947—1st January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	1.00	3.125
1949—1st May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.125
1951—21st August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.750
1952—29th July ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(e)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.750
25th November	1.00	1.25	1.50	(e)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	4.500
1955—1st January ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500
1956—15th March ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500
1st April ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(f) 6.00	(f)6.00	2.75	1.00	4.500
10th May ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(f) 6.00	(f)6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000
4th December	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(f) 6.00	(f)6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000
1958—1st November	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(f) 6.00	(f)6.00	3.00	1.00	5.000

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Seasonal Securities which were first issued in November 1959 carry a discount rate of approximately 3 per cent. per annum. (c) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent. (d) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (e) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (f) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

Date.	Commonwealth.		States.	Total.	Date.	Commonwealth.		States.	Total.
	Treasury Bills.	Seasonal Securities.				Treasury Bills.	Seasonal Securities.		
30th June—					1958—59—				
1937 ..	..	..	46,408	46,408	31st Dec.	282,000	..	5,000	287,000
1938 ..	..	..	46,598	46,598	31st Jan.	268,000	..	5,000	273,000
1939 ..	..	..	50,228	50,228	28th Feb.	229,000	..	5,000	234,000
1952 ..	153,280	..	..	153,280	31st Mar.	239,000	..	4,250	243,250
1953 ..	225,000	..	..	225,000	30th April	163,000	..	4,250	167,250
1954 ..	190,000	..	..	190,000	31st May	133,000	..	3,250	136,250
1955 ..	160,000	..	..	160,000	30th June	171,000	..	..	171,000
1956 ..	165,000	..	..	165,000	1959—60—				
1957 ..	150,000	..	..	150,000	31st July	169,000	..	..	169,000
1958 ..	140,000	..	..	140,000	31st Aug.	201,000	..	..	201,000
1959 ..	171,000	..	..	171,000	30th Sept.	239,000	..	..	239,000
1957—58—					31st Oct.	279,000	..	1,000	280,000
30th June	140,000	..	..	140,000	30th Nov.	299,000	12,109	2,000	313,109
1958—59—					31st Dec.	299,000	23,498	3,000	325,498
31st July	142,000	..	3,000	145,000	31st Jan.	285,000	38,064	3,000	326,064
31st Aug.	163,000	..	3,000	166,000	29th Feb.	270,000	38,397	2,000	311,397
30th Sept.	195,000	..	3,000	198,000	31st Mar.	255,000	43,595	2,000	300,595
31st Oct.	228,000	..	3,000	231,000	30th Apr.	195,000	25,446	1,000	231,446
30th Nov.	254,000	..	3,000	257,000	31st May	183,000	12,609	..	195,609

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

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COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£ million.)

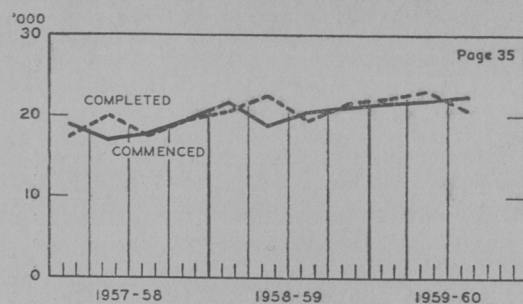
Period.	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six States.	Common-wealth.	Grand Total.(b)
REVENUE.									
1938-39	51.1	27.0	19.3	12.3	11.0	3.6	124.3	95.1	209.5
1953-54	188.7	106.7	69.7	48.4	43.6	13.3	470.4	1,022.8	1,314.2
1954-55	195.4	116.8	73.8	48.7	46.1	14.5	495.3	1,067.4	1,378.2
1955-56	204.4	123.1	75.7	55.4	49.6	17.8	526.0	1,138.4	1,466.1
1956-57	223.8	133.2	85.2	61.6	54.3	18.8	576.9	1,311.8	1,672.4
1957-58	231.5	142.3	88.0	66.3	57.1	20.0	605.2	1,323.8	1,690.7
1958-59	239.8	151.2	99.0	68.0	60.1	21.9	640.0	1,296.1	1,682.9
1959-60 (Estimate) ..	250.6	162.0	101.9	75.3	63.3	24.1	677.2	1,391.6	1,788.4
1957-58—									
July-March ..	155.8	87.9	60.0	46.7	39.5	13.1	403.0	796.9	1,051.9
April ..	178.1	101.3	69.3	52.4	44.7	15.0	460.8	996.5	1,279.2
May ..	201.3	116.0	77.8	58.3	50.1	16.7	520.2	1,149.7	1,461.9
1958-59—									
July-March ..	160.4	90.9	68.5	47.0	41.6	14.7	423.1	787.5	1,052.9
April ..	184.3	106.4	78.7	53.4	47.4	16.6	468.8	973.4	1,271.7
May ..	210.1	121.7	87.5	60.0	52.9	18.4	550.6	1,113.8	1,448.8
1959-60—									
July-March ..	178.2	101.4	70.4	51.6	43.6	15.8	461.0	875.9	1,162.8
April ..	202.8	117.8	80.8	58.4	49.7	18.0	527.5	1,066.3	1,384.3
May ..	228.8	135.6	90.6	56.0	56.0	20.3		1,243.2	

EXPENDITURE.

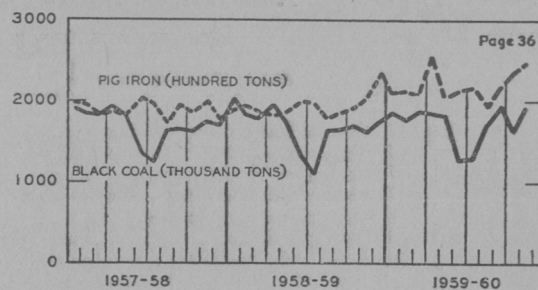
1938-39	53.6	27.8	19.3	12.7	11.2	3.6	128.2	95.1	213.4
1953-54	188.6	106.0	69.3	46.6	43.7	13.3	467.5	1,022.8	1,311.3
1954-55	197.6	115.4	73.6	50.9	46.6	14.7	498.8	1,067.4	1,381.7
1955-56	211.2	126.4	77.4	56.8	51.4	17.7	540.9	1,138.4	1,481.0
1956-57	223.7	137.6	85.2	61.6	56.2	19.6	583.9	1,311.8	1,679.4
1957-58	231.5	145.5	89.5	66.7	58.2	20.8	612.2	1,323.8	1,697.7
1958-59	239.7	153.8	100.2	69.1	61.8	22.7	647.3	1,296.1	1,690.3
1959-60 (Estimate) ..	250.6	165.1	101.8	76.1	64.8	24.7	683.1	1,391.6	1,794.3
1957-58—									
July-March ..	161.6	100.4	65.0	47.1	43.2	14.4	431.7	861.3	1,145.0
April ..	183.6	113.2	73.1	53.2	47.8	16.5	487.4	996.5	1,305.8
May ..	207.3	128.7	81.5	59.9	53.2	19.1	549.7	1,149.7	1,491.4
1958-59—									
July-March ..	168.4	106.2	74.4	49.0	46.4	16.3	460.7	898.5	1,201.5
April ..	191.5	120.9	82.5	55.5	51.6	18.4	520.4	998.6	1,330.5
May ..	215.0	136.1	91.5	62.2	56.8	21.0	582.6	1,121.3	1,488.3
1959-60—									
July-March ..	179.2	115.9	75.8	54.2	48.4	17.8	491.3	990.4	1,307.6
April ..	204.4	130.1	83.9	60.7	53.6	20.2	552.9	1,115.6	1,459.1
May ..	229.9	146.7	93.1		58.9	22.6		1,243.2	

(a) Represents the combined transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of the interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated.

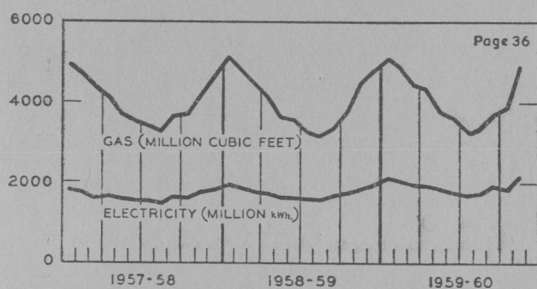
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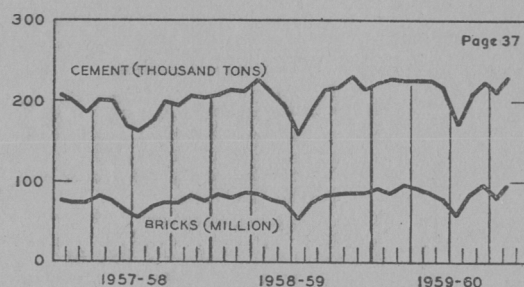
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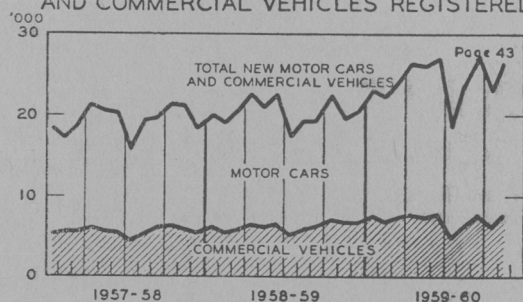
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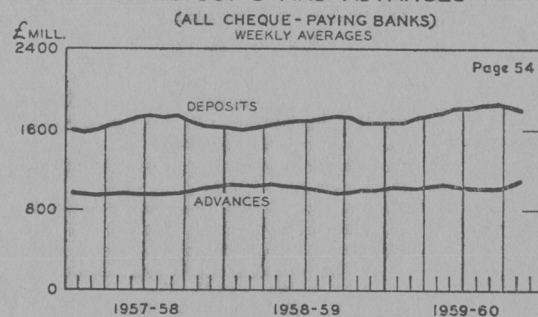
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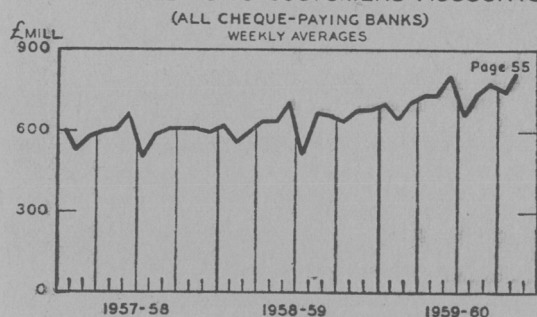
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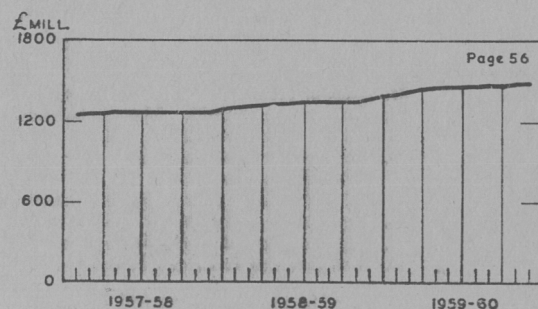
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